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Ben-Yair, Liba'i spurn Shas-Labor coalition pact

EVELYN GORDON

ATTORNEY-GENERAL Michael Ben-Yair washed his hands of the Labor-Shas coalition agreement last night, saying that since neither he nor Justice Minister David Liba'i had anything to do with it, they should not be respondents in the five petitions against it.

Thus, insofar as the petitions are directed against Ben-Yair and Liba'i, they should be rejected, attorney Osnat Mandel – who will represent the state at today's hearing – said in her response.

However, Ben-Yair did not take a stance on whether the petitions should be rejected on their merits.

The Labor-Shas agreement says legislation will be passed to restore the religious status quo if the High Court of Justice issues a ruling which Shas believes violates it. It also requires the amendment of the Basic Law: Human Dignity and Freedom, to enable the passage of such legislation.

According to previous High Court rulings, Mandel wrote, there is nothing wrong with a coalition agreement if it does not contradict the public good – and normally, protecting the religious status quo would not do so.

Furthermore, she said, the court has previously ruled that coalition agreements are not binding, and Ben-Yair can nix any proposed legislation he considers unlawful.

However, she stated, Ben-Yair considers the agreement's blanket promise to rectify any violation of the status quo with legislation to be "inappropriate, and not to be acted on," since each case must be considered on its merits.

And while it appears that a panel of legal experts mentioned in the agreement will merely recommend appropriate legislation, she wrote, if its recommendations will be considered binding, Ben-Yair also considers this clause "inappropriate and not to be acted on."

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Soldiers carry Ma'ayan Levy, killed in Sunday night's terror attack in Jerusalem, to her final resting place in the cemetery of Moshav Beit Zayit yesterday. (AP)

Search for accomplices in capital terror attack

BILL HUTMAN and DAVID MAKOVSKY

SECURITY forces last night were searching for Palestinians who helped the two Hamas terrorists involved in Sunday night's terror attack in the Nahalat Shiva section of downtown Jerusalem, in which two people were killed and 13 wounded.

Security sources said the search was focusing on eastern Jerusalem.

The two terrorists, armed with Kalashnikov assault rifles and knives, and with grenades hanging from their shirts and red bandanas around their heads, were driven close to Nahalat Shiva by their helpers, according to a police investigation completed yesterday.

Prime Minister Yitzhak Rabin said that security officials are investigating how the two terrorists managed to travel from Gaza with their weapons.

"It's clear they had no entry permit, and it seems strange to me that they could have come from Gaza with all their weapons," he told a meeting of the Labor Party's Knesset faction. "It therefore seems they obtained them here. But the matter is still under investigation."

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The terrorists worked their way up the Yoel Salomon pedestrian mall from Hillel Street, firing more than 150 rounds and throwing four grenades, all of which failed to explode, before being gunned down by an elite Border Police unit that was in the area by chance.

Police Inspector-General Assaf Hefetz said that shooting by civilians during the incident had confused the security forces, leading them to think there were more than two terrorists in the area.

"We support having civilians carry weapons," he said. "But the moment there is an attack, the weapons must be used very, very carefully, and there is no need to shoot in the air for no reason."

Both witnesses and security officials said that the rain that fell about a half hour before the attack and sent many people rushing home from the normally busy cafe district apparently saved many lives.

"I was stepping outside when all of a sudden I heard the gunfire," said Galit Bin-Nun, 21, a waitress. "I ran back inside and the gunfire continued. Glass was flying everywhere.

She said she hid "for over 15 minutes" with another waitress, who was wounded in the buttocks,

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Iraq said backing off from Kuwait border

HILLEL KUTTLER and news agencies

IRAQ yesterday declared an end to its menacing five-day troop build-up, and said some troops would be shifted away from the Kuwaiti border, but the statement was treated with caution abroad and disbelief in Kuwait.

The US is still moving ahead with its deployment of forces to the Persian Gulf. The first contingent of US soldiers arrived in Kuwait City yesterday.

The administration, operating under the assumption that Saddam Hussein is preparing to repeat his 1990 invasion of Kuwait, would not confirm Iraq's claim that its troops, estimated at 80,000 strong, were retreating from the border.

"I haven't seen anything like that, no," said Gen. John Shalikashvili, chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff.

Hours later, Nizar Hamdoon, Iraq's ambassador to the UN, said Iraqi forces would withdraw from the Kuwaiti border and "are already on the move." He said they would be sent north of Basra.

"But Iraq still reserves the right to mobilize and to maneuver its troops anywhere in its own territories," he added.

Kuwait said it did not believe such statements.

"We cannot, and the international community cannot, take these statements seriously," Information Minister Sheikh Saud Nasser Sabah said. "We will believe them when we see them ... We want to see facts taking place on the ground corroborated by satellite and intelligence."

In Baghdad, Foreign Minister Mohammed Saeed Sahhaf said troops would be deployed to "other locations in the rear," to finish military exercises.

White House spokeswoman Dee Dee Myers said the White House could not confirm Iraq's claims that it was pulling its forces back from the Iraq-Kuwait border.

"We don't have anything to report," she said of the Iraqi claims. "I don't know when we'll know."

President Clinton was to address the nation from the Oval Office last night on the situations in Iraq and Haiti, Myers said.

She said Clinton was expected to talk in his speech about US troop deployments to the Gulf region to face the Iraqi buildup and the "general situation" there and in Haiti.

Clinton decided yesterday afternoon to cancel a trip to New Jersey to deal with the continuing crisis.

UN Ambassador Madeleine Albright told reporters the US is not convinced by Iraq's pledges and is anticipating Baghdad's next move.

"We have to see deeds. Words are cheap and deeds are what the coin of the realm is," said Albright, who added the US has "not been able to verify [Iraq's pullback]. We can not confirm or deny."

In Jerusalem, Prime Minister Yitzhak Rabin downplayed the Iraqi threat.

"We don't see at this stage any problem to Israel," Rabin told reporters after meeting with US Secretary of State Warren Christopher. "Israel is strong militarily and can cope with any eventuality."

Christopher said Saddam "would not be permitted to intimidate the people of Kuwait or the people of this region. We're absolutely firm that we will prevent any aggression there.

"They will not be able to achieve any progress in getting the sanctions lifted by this technique. To the contrary, I think their actions there belie any effort that they might be making to justify lifting the sanctions."

Israeli shot in head near Hebron

JON IMMANUEL

AN Israeli was shot and critically wounded in the head, apparently by an IDF soldier, near Idna in the Hebron area last night.

Military sources said that the victim, who was driving a car, was shot by a soldier who thought he was about to be run over.

The army was checking why the victim was driving on such an isolated road at night.

An army helicopter rushed a medical team to the site to treat the victim, and then flew the victim to Hadassah-University Hospital, Ein Kerem.

Itim adds:

An Arab man was shot and wounded by IDF troops last night near Dahariya.

The man was apparently driving a car that approached an army checkpoint, arousing the soldiers' suspicion. They ordered him to stop and when he did not respond, they fired at the car.

He suffered moderate to serious wounds, and was taken to a Jerusalem hospital.

Body of prostitute found in well

SALIK Lardu, 22, a Beersheba prostitute, was found dead in the bottom of an ancient well yesterday near the Lahavim junction in the Negev, on the Beit Kama-Beersheba highway.

There were signs of violence on the body, which was nude from the waist up.

A Beduin shepherd who came to the site to visit the nearby grave of his mother noticed bloodstains and signs of something having been dragged towards the well, and notified police.

Amir Rozenblit

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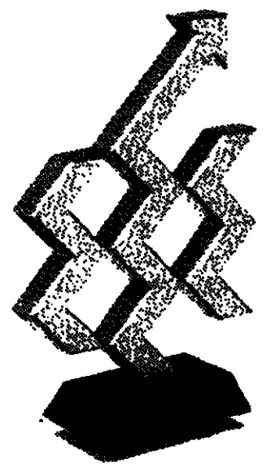
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Hamas recruits may be common among Palestinian Police

HAMAS members have been recruited into the Palestinian Police force over the past few months, a senior Palestinian Police officer in Gaza told *The Jerusalem Post*.

"It's a psychological ploy to draw Hamas onto our side," said the officer. "Once they don our uniforms, hopefully they will abandon Hamas, and come round to our way of thinking that we must learn to live in peace."

According to a leaflet issued in Gaza, both of the terrorists killed by security forces during Sunday's attack in Jerusalem were members of Izzadin Kassam, Hamas' military wing.

Yesterday, reaction among Palestinians to the attack was mixed.

JON IMMANUEL, RAINE MARCUS and BILL HUTMAN

"Our position was always against the killing of civilians. We were shocked a year ago by the massacre in Hebron. We cannot make any distinctions between Palestinian civilians and Israeli civilians. It is forbidden to touch them," said Faisal Husseini, the PLO leader in Jerusalem.

Dr. Ahmed Tibi, adviser to PLO chairman Yasser Arafat, condemned "terrorist actions against civilians sitting in a coffee house."

However, Arafat made no public statement. He was in Morocco, attending the funeral of Khaled el-Hassan, a long-time PLO comrade who had a falling out with Arafat over the latter's support for the Iraqi invasion of Kuwait.

In Gaza, mosque loudspeakers described the terrorists as "martyrs."

Other high-level Fatah and Hamas activists, such as Marwan Barghouti and Dr. Mahmoud Zahar, avoided comment when asked about the attack.

Tibi said he would be embarrassed if it turned out that Jawhari was a Palestinian policeman, as first claimed by Hamas activists.

Abbas, Jawhari's partner, was reportedly released three months ago from prison under the terms of the Cairo accord, after having signed an agreement not to engage in violence.

A leaflet distributed by Izzadin Kassam said the attack was a delayed reaction to the Temple Mount killings of 17 worshipers by Israeli police during a riot on October 8, 1991.

In the leaflet, Hamas vowed that their "bold military operations will not cease as long as there is an Israeli soldier left on our occupied land."

The two terrorists discussed their mission in a home-made videotape obtained by Reuters yesterday.

A second leaflet distributed late last night said the attack was the fourth revenge attack for the Machpela Cave massacre, according to the Islamic-oriented Quds press service in Gaza.

The leaflet also claimed that the attack was revenge for the killing of two Izzadin fugitives Ghayeb Abdeen and Tariq Abu Arafa in A-Ram, just north of Jerusalem, a month ago.

Government easily beats no-confidence motions

EVELYN GORDON

THE government easily defeated two no-confidence motions yesterday, by a vote of 56-45, with two abstentions.

Five of the six Shas MKs absented themselves from the vote, but the sixth, Yosef Azran, voted with the opposition. Yi'ud was also split: MKs Gonen Segev and Alex Goldfarb abstained, while Esther Salmovitz voted with the opposition.

The motions were submitted by the Likud and Tsomet over what they called the government's plans to give the entire Golan back to Syria.

However, both David Levy (Likud) and Moshe Peled (Tsomet), who presented their respective parties' motions, devoted much of their time to Sunday night's attack in Jerusalem.

"[The attack arouses] shock at the event and protest against the government's path," Levy said, charging that terror has become "routine" since the agreement with the PLO was signed.

"We cannot let ourselves become accustomed to this routine – even in the name of peace," he said. "This is a desecration of the term 'peace.'"

Foreign Minister Shimon Peres ignored this issue, however, beyond joining in the condolences to the victims of the attack and praising the security forces for their quick action.

In his blistering response to the motions, he appeared to confirm the government's intent to return the whole Golan.

He began by noting that the Camp David Accords had set the precedent for both total withdrawal and the dismantling of settlements. "This made a powerful impression on the Arab world," he said.

"What is the difference between Sinai and the Golan Heights?" he asked.

When outraged opposition MKs then asked him how the Sinai might differ from Jerusalem, Peres retorted angrily:

"Between Sinai and Jerusalem, there is a difference as deep as history. But between Sinai and the Golan, you explain the difference! Jerusalem is a historical issue – not strategic, not political, and not business.

"You [the Likud] were the first to recognize territorial disputes," Peres stated. "What do you do – kill them [the Arabs]? Or solve [the disputes]?... You have to provide an answer."

Peres praised the late Menachem Begin for recognizing that the Palestinian people cannot be made to disappear by denying their existence. The only alternative to such recognition, he said, is "if you believe that 120,000 Palestinians will sit in prison."

Levy charged the government with failure in numerous areas: economic, social, and diplomatic. In particular, it has abandoned security considerations, he said – noting that even the army has said it will be hard to protect civilians after the withdrawal stipulated in the agreement with the PLO.

"But the most serious thing of all is this government's contempt ... for public opinion," Levy said. "All [opponents of the government] are 'obstacles' and 'enemies of peace.' Even the legislators are 'stupid.' There is no body that hasn't been attacked by [the government]."



President Ezer Weizman and his wife, Reuma, visit Shlomit Zuckerman yesterday at Hadassah-University Hospital, Ein Kerem. Zuckerman, a law student, was wounded in Sunday night's terrorist attack in Jerusalem while serving as a waitress in a Nahalat Shiva restaurant. (Avi Hayoun)

US not backing Peres's bank plan

DAVID MAKOVSKY

US SECRETARY of State Warren Christopher told Foreign Minister Shimon Peres yesterday that the US will not back Peres's plan to establish a Middle East development bank at the regional business conference in Casablanca later this month, US and Israeli officials indicated yesterday.

US opposition has apparently killed the idea. Asked if there would be a declaration in Casablanca announcing the establishment of a regional bank, Peres was vague, saying, "I think there will be a reference to establishing some financial instrument in the future."

The idea of a regional development bank has been one of Peres's central projects to galvanize Arab-Israel economic cooperation.

A senior Clinton Administration official said last night, "It is the unified view of the US government that we do not think the establishment of a Middle East regional bank would be right...We have had mixed experiences with such banks in Europe and Asia, and our Treasury officials feel very strongly on this issue of a banking mechanism."

Sounding an upbeat note, however, this official stressed there is an international consensus on the need for multilateral lending in the Middle East. He said discussions would have to be held in Casablanca and beyond about the structures that could accomplish this, but refused to specify.

Meanwhile, speaking to reporters alongside Christopher after their discussions on Syria yesterday, Prime Minister Yitzhak Rabin spoke of how a peace accord would help Syria.

"What we want is peace and security in dignity for Israel and Syria ... It has to be done [while] maintaining the dignity of our peoples and our countries together. Because otherwise it will not be based on a real, solid basis," Rabin said. By citing Syrian dignity, some sources said Rabin went beyond just a shift in tone. The Syrians have stressed a peace deal with Israel would be "undignified" without full Israeli withdrawal from the Golan Heights.

Border Police unit saved the day

BILL HUTMAN

SIX officers in an elite Border Police undercover unit, by chance in the area of the Nahalat Shiva attack, led the counterattack by security forces in which the two terrorists were shot dead, security sources said.

"We were training in the weight-room at the Russian Compound police station [several hundred meters from Nahalat Shiva], when all of a sudden we heard people screaming they heard gunfire," said one of the officers, an inspector, who cannot be named for security reasons.

"We grabbed our weapons and ran in the direction of the [Ben-Yehuda] pedestrian mall, all the time hearing gunfire in the distance," he said.

"We broke into two groups, one cutting behind the Mizrahi Bank [on Jaffa Road] and the second, which I headed, went in the direction of Zion Square, where we met up with a Border Police patrol," the officer said.

The officers then headed straight for the site of the attack. "We ran towards the Off the Square Restaurant. A terrorist shot in our direction. I shot back at him and he fell, a grenade still in his hand."

"Another grenade fell to the terrorist's side, but did not explode," the officer added.

"In the alleyway we saw another terrorist. He was firing in the direction of our second unit that had trapped him from behind. We shot at him from both directions and he fell."

Security sources said that the first terrorist was shot at from 50 to 20 meters. The second terrorist was shot dead from a distance of only 10 meters.

Civilians had already cleared out of the area by the time the undercover unit arrived. The sources said that no one was wounded by friendly fire.

Two policeman at the scene before the Border Police officers arrived also opened fire, as did at least one armed civilian.

Weizman questions Hamas role in elections

BATSHEVA TSUR

IF Hamas was indeed involved in Sunday night's terrorist attack in Jerusalem, those engaged in the negotiations with the Palestinians must draw the conclusions, President Ezer Weizman said yesterday.

"Hamas is openly taking responsibility for this murderous act," Weizman said. "It is very serious indeed and if they are planning to take part in the [Palestinian] elections, this kind of act is doubly grave...I hope those participating in the negotiations with the Palestinians will draw conclusions."

Weizman, who was speaking to reporters following his talks with US Secretary of State Warren Christopher at Beit Hanassi yesterday evening, praised the mature response of the Jerusalem public at the site of the attack.

"I went there before midnight and expected to find a more aggressive public," Weizman said.

"Arafat should denounce terrorism any time it takes place in Israel. That's what he committed himself to at the time the agreements were signed in Washington," Christopher said. "I look forward to hearing him do so."

The talks between the president and the secretary centered not only on the peace process but also on Iraq and on the situation in Iran, they said.

On Syria, Weizman said the possibility of talking with the Syrians had been raised, but he declined to go into details. He characterized the Syrian foreign minister's interview on Israel TV as "a step forward but not yet a turning point. It's not sufficient. Shara still doesn't understand, in my opinion, how to give you the feeling that you won't be cheated," he said.

Following the meeting, Weizman left for Hadassah-University Hospital, Ein Kerem where he visited those wounded in the terrorist attack.

Protest held near site of terror attack

HERB KEINON

CHANTING "Revenge, revenge," "Death to the Arabs," and "Death to Rabin," about 200 people – most of them under 25 – demonstrated against the government a few meters from the site of Sunday night's terror attack in Jerusalem.

The demonstrators, fleeing last night's rain, congregated in the courtyard under the Bank Hapoalim building on Zion Square. They were hemmed in by police and border policemen. At one point several demonstrators made a move to go into Jaffa Road, but were blocked by the police. A number of former Kach activists were among the most vocal demonstrators.

About 40 Women in Green demonstrated last night in front of the King David Hotel, where Secretary of State Warren Christopher's entourage was staying.

Police admit being surprised by Nahalat Shiva shooting

BILL HUTMAN

JERUSALEM police admitted yesterday that they were caught off guard by the terror attack in Nahalat Shiva.

Jerusalem Police chief Cmdr. Arye Amit admitted that police were taken by surprise. But, he added, there was little that could have been done, without specific advance knowledge of the attack.

"There is no intelligence network that can tell you 100 percent of the time what terror attack to expect," the police commander said.

"We did not anticipate an attack of this nature," he added, saying Sunday night's incident was the first in recent memory in which gun-wielding terrorists entered a crowded civilian area in central Jerusalem.

"We hope that the attack does not reflect an attempt [by Hamas] to move in this new direction," Amit added.

Deputy Mayor Meshulam Amit, who before entering politics was Border Police chief, told reporters the police could have taken steps to prevent such an attack.

Police have failed to adequately deal with what he called the "deteriorating security situation in the Old City," and now security problems there are spilling into western Jerusalem, he charged.

"This incident shows beyond a doubt that when the law is not being enforced in the eastern part [of Jerusalem], Palestinian terror spreads to the western part," he said.

He also charged that only a major security breach could have permitted heavily armed terrorists to enter a crowded business district of the city.

This morning, Police Minister Moshe Shahal, senior police brass, and city officials, including Mayor Ehud Olmert, are scheduled to tour the city to review security measures.

ARRIVALS

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A bus will leave Beit Modzitz, 36 Dizengoff St., Tel Aviv, and will stop in front of Binyenei Ha'uma, Jerusalem, at about 2:45 p.m.

The Family

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Liba'i, meanwhile, sent his own response to the court, in which he blasted the agreement as unreasonable and contrary to public norms.

The clause obligating the government to circumvent the High Court undermines the independence of the judiciary, he said, and by forcing Labor MKs to vote for all proposed legislation, the agreement illegally transfers the government's powers of decision to another body.

Furthermore, the agreement contradicts Labor's coalition agreement with Meretz, he said.

"A coalition agreement is subject to public law, and must meet the minimal demands of public logic," he wrote. "The very idea of signing two conflicting coalition agreements is incomprehensible ... and would be considered wrong in private law. This damages the public's faith in the government."

Finally, he said, Basic Laws are meant for constitutional principles, and should not be used to protect the status quo, which by definition is a temporary state.

PACT

ACCOMPLICES

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until medics arrived and called for the wounded to come out.

Fatally wounded were Ma'ayan Levy, 19, an off-duty soldier from Moshav Beit Zayit, and Samir Mugrabi, 35, from Kafr Akab, in north Jerusalem. Levy was with a friend and Mugrabi with his wife, who was lightly wounded in the leg. Levy was buried yesterday afternoon.

"We decided to bury Ma'ayan at the moshav because of her and our tie to the place," her father Pini said. He said the family had been informed at about 1:30 a.m. yesterday that she had been wounded in the attack.

Mugrabi will be buried today. The father of two children, Mugrabi was said to be a supporter of the peace process.

Last night, five of the wounded – Jerusalemites Yehuda Levy, Nadav Avni, Yitzhak Mandelbaum, Naomi Klieger, and Shlomit Zuckerman – were still recovering at Hadassah-University Hospital, Ein Kerem. All of them underwent surgery for bullet or shrapnel wounds and were in stable condition and out of danger. The other eight, including Scott Dobberstein, 33, an employee of the US Agency for International Development in Tel Aviv, were released from various Jerusalem hospitals.

The terrorists were identified Hassan Abbas, 19, of Gazn, and Issam Jawhari, 24, who entered Gaza from Egypt on a tourist visa three months ago.

Their behavior during the attack, in which there was no attempt to take hostages, clearly showed they planned to kill as many people as possible before being killed themselves, security officials said.

Police Minister Moshe Shahal said last night that police were investigating allegations Jawhari was a member of the Palestinian Police.

An Egyptian passport with a small piece of paper containing the phone number of the Egyptian Embassy was also found on Jawhari. His expired visa was found in Gaza by Reuters.

A Hamas official reportedly said that Jawhari decided to join the military wing of Hamas, and become a martyr for the Palestinian cause.

According to an unconfirmed report, Jawhari was once in the Egyptian army, only to be discharged due to his affiliation with an Islamic militant group.

"We check all those who wish to visit, but as long as someone is not on the wanted list, there is no way to find out who he really is," a Foreign Ministry source said last night.

Yesterday, dozens of people converged on Nahalat Shiva to see the scene of the attack. Many shouted anti-government slogans and entered into heated political discussions. Others simply walked around, looking at signs of the attack, including shattered window panes and some blood stains, that remained despite the municipality's effort to clean the area.

"We were so lucky," said Ruth Eatman, 71, a tourist from New York. "We left the restaurant just 10 minutes before the terrorists arrived."

In Cairo yesterday, IDF coordinator for activities in the territories Maj.-Gen Danny Rothschild said the attack reinforced Israel's view that Hamas should not be allowed to run in Palestinian elections unless the group recognizes Israel's existence. Rothschild declared, "All those who are determined on the destruction of Israel would [remain out]...Israel is still on its same positions."

The attack has drawn condemnation from Secretary of State Warren Christopher, and three top aides to PLO Chairman Yasser Arafat – Nabil Shaath, Faisal Husseini, and Ahmed Tibi. Arafat himself has made no comment.

Christopher declared his "outrage at this atrocity," saying, "Only last night ... the enemies of peace have shown their cowardly face. These terrorists have no purpose but to kill – to kill innocent men, women, and children, and most of all, to kill the peace."

He called on Arafat to issue a condemnation, saying: "I think Chairman Arafat should respond to that and condemn it strongly; I think that is part of his commitment."

Itim contributed to this report.

Municipal officials vow not to let attack harm tourism

BILL HUTMAN

SUNDAY night's Nahalat Shiva terror attack could seriously harm tourism in the city, municipal officials said yesterday, as they vowed to do everything in their power to reduce the expected damage.

"We are going to do everything we can this year so that more Israelis and visitors from all over the world come to Jerusalem," Mayor Ehud Olmert said.

"By coming to Jerusalem people can demonstrate that the type of terror we saw last night does not deter them," Olmert added. He was speaking at a press conference announcing the municipality's cultural development plans.

The press conference was planned before Sunday night's attack, in which two Israelis and two terrorists were killed. Olmert said the city did not want to cancel the news conference because "life must go on, despite the sorrow and pain."

A "wine-tasting week," scheduled to begin this Sunday in the pedestrian mall in Nahalat Shiva, was postponed until after the seven-day mourning period for the attack victims.

City officials said that when the festivities are held in the coming weeks, they would be much larger than originally planned, as part of the effort to demonstrate that city life was not adversely affected by the attack.

In the months following the Machpela Cave massacre, the number of visitors to the city dropped drastically, as both local and foreign tourists feared reprisals by Palestinian terror groups.

"I don't think I will bring a group here soon," said Noriko Fukuhisa, a Japanese tourism office manager, who came to Nahalat Shiva yesterday. "The people will be afraid of another attack."

Nahalat Shiva, a small neighborhood adjoining Zion Square that is closed to vehicles and filled with restaurants, cafes, pubs, and tourist-oriented stores, is a major draw for both visitors and residents.

The quarter has been part of the municipality's effort to create night life in the city; the cafes and pubs in Nahalat Shiva are among the few opened late in Jerusalem.

"I think we'll be all right," said Alon Sela, owner of an Italian restaurant-cafe at Nahalat Shiva. "People will put the attack behind them and come back here. I'm certain."

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No easy way to fight terror

ANALYSIS

GERALD STEINBERG

HISTORICALLY, there have been three types of responses to terrorism: prevention, interdiction, and deterrence. Each is effective to some degree, but each also has its limitations.

The government will have to take some action following Sunday night's attack in Jerusalem, and the question is which option will be chosen.

Prevention is generally the first line of defense. It is based on efforts to block access to major populations centers through curfews and closure. This approach has a number of inherent limitations. It is technically impossible to prevent terrorist infiltrations. No fence separates the Gaza Strip or Arab towns in Judea and Samaria from Israel.

The IDF can close the main roads linking these regions to the rest of Israel, but it cannot patrol all the smaller trails and paths.

In "normal" periods, more than 100,000 Palestinians work in Israel, or cross for other purposes, including medical treatment and business. By reducing the number of Palestinians in Israel, the threat of terror is reduced. However, for political and economic reasons, the government is unwilling to close off these areas for long periods.

Palestinians complain that during closures, they have no source of income, while many Israeli employers have trouble finding workers. Following a wave of terror in April, entry was restricted to 9,000 workers, all over 35, but this policy did not last long.

In addition, over 150,000 Palestinians live in Jerusalem, and are able to cross freely into the rest of Israel. Curfews and closures do not generally apply to Jerusalem residents.

While prevention is passive, interdiction is based on actively trying to find terrorist groups. This takes the war to the enemy, and is consistent with overall Israeli military philosophy. During the intifada, intelligence sources provided the names and hideouts of the leaders and major members of terrorist cells. Special IDF units were sent to infiltrate cities, villages, and refugee camps, and capture or kill suspected terrorists.

This approach was initially successful, but not sustainable for a long period. New terrorists are constantly recruited, and it becomes increasingly difficult to identify and capture them. With Palestinian autonomy in Gaza and Jericho, the IDF is prevented from mounting interdictive operations, limiting this approach even further.

Deterrence, by contrast, is based on retaliation and punishment. It is designed to undermine the support for terrorism by making the cost too high. In the early 1950s, when there were daily attacks, deterrence was the major strategic response. In retaliation for these attacks, Israeli forces attacked targets in Gaza (controlled by Egypt) and in Judea and Samaria (controlled by Jordan). As the intensity of retaliation increased, the level of Palestinian attacks decreased. It also forced King Hussein to take action against the Palestinian groups operating out of his country.

Since 1967, deterrence has been more difficult. The IDF could not bomb or attack villages or towns under its control. In some cases, it responded to terrorism by striking at PLO targets in Jordan, Lebanon, and Tunisia, but as the foundation for Palestinian terrorism moved to the territories, the impact of these actions decreased.

Ironically, as the Palestinian autonomy expands, the potential for deterrence has increased. A number of military commanders and political leaders have hinted at the possibility that the IDF will be forced to act against targets in Gaza.

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The Netanyahu family adds one. Sara Netanyahu, wife of Likud leader Binyamin Netanyahu, gave birth to a 3.4 kg. baby boy at Jerusalem's Hadassah-University Hospital, Mount Scopus, yesterday. The boy is the couple's second son and Netanyahu's third child. He has a 17-year-old daughter from his first marriage and a three-year-old son, Yair. Netanyahu spent the night at his wife's bedside and assisted in the delivery. "I did not faint," he told to 'The Jerusalem Post.' *(Text: Sarah Honig, Photo:* Brian Hendler)

Jordan-Israel talks still stymied over water, land

JORDAN held out for settlement of its outstanding claims of land and water during peace talks in Eilat yesterday, saying grand schemes of economic development in the Jordan Rift Valley could come later.

Negotiators from the two sides, who have pledged to sign a full treaty soon, started two weeks of intensive talks which will now shift to Akaba.

But Jordanian officials emphasized the basic issues that still divided them from Israel. Jordan wants more water from the Jordan River and claims about 350 sq. km. along the border.

Jordanian officials said the gap between the two sides on these issues was still wide. Neither side revealed details.

"The essential part of any agreement is water and boundaries. Looking at the [Rift Valley development] concept, water is a major part of that," Fayez Tarawneh, head of the Jordanian delegation, told reporters after talks ended for the day.

He added it would take months to develop the details of a master plan and raise investor interest in the project. Meanwhile, water was not just a technical issue but a key political issue.

"We have to get [investor] interest in development and then there might be pre-feasibility studies and then feasibility studies. Some of these are mega-projects and will take a long time," said Tarawneh.

He said an economic subcommittee of the negotiations did not meet yesterday as expected because some Jordanian experts had been tied up in talks with the World Bank and the International Monetary Fund (IMF).

Elyakim Rubinstein, who heads the Israeli delegation, said talks on development should be on a parallel track with the basic issues.

"The valley development should be planned for a time when everything is fixed. There is no need to wait," he said. (Reuter)

Negotiators make progress on elections

JON IMMANUEL

ISRAELI and Palestinian negotiators agreed yesterday to establish a supervisory committee to arbitrate issues concerning voter eligibility, including the right of prisoners to vote, during talks on Palestinian elections.

Maj.- Gen. Danny Rothschild, the chief Israeli negotiator, told *The Jerusalem Post* by phone that the committee would be made up of three judges from each side.

They would discuss appeals by Palestinians who find they are not on the voting rolls and would handle other technical issues as they emerge.

Israel also agreed to allow Palestinian prisoners to vote, "except those who are under interrogation, and those who committed serious crimes against Israelis and are in imprisoned in Israel," he said.

Some 6,000 Palestinians are still in prison for security offenses, many of them members of Hamas.

Rothschild clarified that there was no Israeli ruling preventing a Hamas supporter from voting.

However, a change had crept into the formulation of the three conditions under which a Palestinian party could participate. Those who have "racist platforms," "call for Israel's destruction," or "continue to call for terror against Israel" would be barred, Rothschild said.

Lamia Lahoud adds:

Palestinian negotiator Hassan Asfour said the talks resumed in a "good and businesslike" atmosphere. He said Israelis wanted joint Palestinian and Israeli supervision of elections, but Palestinians first wanted early deployment of their police throughout the territories.

Jordan, PLO to coordinate policy on displaced Palestinians

AMMAN (Reuter) – The PLO and Jordan have agreed to coordinate policy regarding the eventual settlement of more than 800,000 Palestinians displaced by the Six Day War, a Palestinian official said yesterday.

Yasser Abed-Rabbo, head of the information department in the Palestinian Authority, said the two sides agreed on the joint stance in bilateral talks begun on Sunday.

A paper would be drafted by both sides to pave the way for a long-delayed committee to include the Palestinians, Jordan, Egypt and Israel, Abed-Rabbo added.

Last year's peace accord stipulated that such a committee should be formed to decide upon "the modalities of admission of displaced Palestinians" who fled from Judea, Samaria, and Gaza during the Six Day War.

Abed-Rabbo, who heads the *Palestinian delegation to talks* with Jordan, said contacts would be made soon with Israel for meetings on the issue.

The United Nations says that more than 850,000 Palestinians fled their homes and settled in Jordan during the war.

Meanwhile, Jordanian and PLO officials said yesterday they were working towards resolving differences over economic and political issues.

"But all these differences can be resolved," Abdul-Raouf Rawabdeh told reporters after delegates met for three hours. Rawabdeh heads the Jordanian team.

Yesterday's meetings focused on cooperation in monetary and banking affairs, as well as trade between Jordan and the Palestinian Authority.

The talks began Sunday and come after a period of strained relations between Jordan and the PA over control of Moslem holy sites in eastern Jerusalem.

Abed-Rabbo said the two sides were seeking agreements on "certain points that will improve and generate practical economic cooperation between the two sides." He would not elaborate.

Hizbullah stepping up pressure on the SLA

DAVID RUDGE

HIZBULLAH is stepping up its psychological pressure on the South Lebanese Army, following an abortive attempt on the life of a senior SLA officer last week.

Hizbullah leader Sheikh Hassan Nasrallah, in a statement carried by Lebanese newspapers yesterday, warned that "anyone who continues to assist the occupation of Lebanon will be severely punished."

Nasrallah stressed, however, that the "road to repentance is still open" for members of the SLA.

His comments were echoed by another Hizbullah official, Mohammed Yaghi, a member of the Lebanese parliament. Yaghi maintained that the attack in Bint J'bail in which the SLA's western region commander Col. Akel Hashem was wounded, is proof that "Hizbullah's arm is long."

Yaghi was quoted in the Lebanese press as saying that the term "security zone is a misnomer because there is no security for the IDF and its allies" in south Lebanon.

Meanwhile, an SLA position in the Ali Tahr region came under light weapons and RPG fire late on Sunday night, but there were no casualties.

Yesterday, a roadside bomb was discovered and safely destroyed in the Beit Yahoun area, and more firing was reported at SLA positions in the central and eastern sectors. There were no casualties among IDF or SLA troops.

Egypt opposes pipeline through Israel

Egypt yesterday urged Arab countries to ship their natural gas bound for Europe through the Suez Canal instead of making deals to transport it via Israel.

Suez Canal Authority chairman Mohammed Ezzet Adel told a group of Egyptian parliamentarians he had offered the Gulf state of Qatar a reduction of 35 percent in transit fees for 25 years if it used the waterway for shipping gas to Europe.

"We are not against Qatar's shipping gas to Israel but we are against Israel being a center for the distribution of Qatari gas to Europe. If this happens it will adversely affect the Suez Canal earnings," Adel said.

"We are not against peace with Israel and we are not against the trade exchange with the Jewish state. But any relations with Israel should not be at the expense of the Suez Canal earnings," he told the parliamentarians.

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No special checks for Indian olim

BATSHEVA TSUR

IMMIGRANTS from India will not be subjected to special medical examinations despite the outbreak of pneumonic plague in that country, Acting Jewish Agency Chairman Yehiel Leket decided yesterday.

Leket said to do so would cast a stigma on the olim.

"They should be treated like any Israelis returning from India unless the Health Ministry gives different instructions," he said.

Health Ministry regulations stipulate that people arriving from India who feel ill within a week must report this to the authorities, Leket said.

The names and addresses of people who arrive on flights from India are recorded so they can be contacted in case of problems, the agency spokesman said. In the past week, only one new immigrant arrived from India, he said, and she was not ordered to undergo special tests. Some two dozen immigrants from India are expected this month.

There are 5,000 Jews still living in India, most of them in Bombay, Leket noted. So far this year, 116 have made aliya, joining some 55,000 Indian Jews already here.

Another busy day for firefighters

DAVID RUDGE

DOZENS of families fled their homes on the outskirts of Kiryat Ata yesterday as a brush fire in the area threatened to get out of control.

Firefighters managed to contain the blaze and eventually brought it under control after intensive efforts.

Marco Kimche, spokesman for the Haifa district Fire Brigade, said more than 20 firemen had been sent to the scene at the height of the blaze, the cause of which is still being investigated.

The fire broke out in brushland near houses on the outskirts of the bayside suburban town and quickly spread, causing a huge pall of smoke.

Firemen and JNF workers were also in action near the Nahshon junction as a result of another brush fire. It was brought under control before it reached the Harel forest.

Meanwhile, the JNF reported that a fire in the Lahav region of the Negev on Saturday was started by an electrical storm.

JNF officials said lightning had set fire to trees in the area and started the fire, which was quickly brought under control.

Firemen in Upper Galilee staged work sanctions yesterday to protest the non-payment of their salaries, in an ongoing dispute with the regional union of local authorities.

They abandoned stations in Kiryat Shmona, Katzrin, Bnei Yehuda and Safed and brought all the fire engines to Hatzor, the headquarters of the region union.

Extended heat wave set to break by Thursday

DAVID RUDGE

THUNDERSTORMS swept the country yesterday, heralding a hoped-for break in the extended heat wave which set records for September and again this month.

The storms started in the south and gradually made their way northwards, bringing lightning, thunder and strong winds.

Police issued special warnings to motorists to take extra care on the roads because of the dangerous driving conditions.

The meteorological services, which had forecast the storms, said cooler and more stable weather appeared to be on the way. Israel Vaisbenker, duty forecasters at the Beit Dagan weather bureau, said a general drop in temperatures and lower humidity along the coast was likely to be felt by Thursday.

This follows more than a month of unseasonably hot weather which has affected all parts of the country.

Vaisbenker said temperatures and humidity levels recorded for virtually throughout the whole of September through yesterday had been the highest, for such a sustained period, in the past 50 years.

For 28 of September's 30 days, temperatures in the central region have been three or four degrees centigrade above average. Along the coast the temperatures have been about two or three degrees above normal for the year, coupled with higher-than-average levels of humidity.

However, Vaisbenker said that despite an expected respite from the heat, there is no sign of the beginning of winter on the horizon.

Tze'elim-2 verdict today

Jerusalem Post Staff

THE verdict in the Tze'elim-2 trial is to be handed down today by the General Staff Military Court.

Maj. K. and Capt. A. are on trial for negligently causing the death of five soldiers in the elite Sayeret Matkal unit during a 1992 training exercise in which a missile was misfired.

Top army brass are wondering what the judges will say about the roles of Maj.-Gen. Amiram Levine, who was in command of the exercise, and Maj.-Gen. Uri Saguy, who attended and had approved the exercise.

For their involvement in the incident, a letter of reprimand was placed in Levine's personal file and Saguy received an administrative reprimand.



Combat units with the 24th Mechanized Infantry Division arrive at Kuwait's military airport yesterday. (AP)

Senator: US is hiding evidence of chemicals used in Gulf War

DANIEL WILLIAMS
WASHINGTON

A SENATOR investigating the cause of mysterious ailments many US military veterans say they suffered after the Persian Gulf War Saturday accused the Defense Department of covering up evidence of the presence of chemical weapons in Kuwait during the conflict.

"To my mind there is no more serious crime than an official military coverup of facts that could prevent more effective diagnosis and treatment of sick US veterans," Sen. Donald W. Riegle, D-Mich., said in a written statement.

Reports by British and American inspectors found chemical agents in Kuwait, he said, and a British soldier who came in contact with the material went into shock. Riegle said that when he asked the Pentagon to produce the British report, the department stalled and then gave him a report dated July 14, 1994, rather than the report he wanted, which was dated August 1991. The 1994 report said the substance that afflicted the British soldier was "fuming nitric acid," perhaps used to fuel rockets, and not a chemical weapons agent, Riegle said.

"This is an important example of a pattern of deliberate misrepresentation of the truth," Riegle said.

The Pentagon has long denied that chemical weapons were used or in place inside Kuwait, which American and allied troops liberated from the Iraqis. In the past, officials have argued that Kuwait was stocked with petrochemicals and that some of those containers might have been mistaken for chemical weapons storage tanks.

Saturday, Pentagon officials gave no response to Riegle's charges.

Scores of veterans and relatives of gulf war soldiers have reported an array of illnesses and several members of Congress have pressed for more aggressive investigation into the causes of those illnesses.

Symptoms included fatigue, skin rash, headache, joint pain, diarrhea and shortness of breath. The reports came mostly from reservists, although there were some from active duty troops.

In many cases, these common and largely subjective symptoms did not lead to a clear diagnosis. Nor was there any clear theory as to what caused the problems. Among the possibilities that have been listed are stress, burning oil wells, pesticides and rare infections. One theory is that some form of chemical or biological agent used by Iraq caused some cases of Gulf War Syndrome.

The US government is trying to show good faith to veterans and protect itself from massive financial liability until more is known about the causes of the syndrome, officials have said. But the Pentagon has said that no biological or chemical agents were used by Iraq.

Soldiers were prepared for such tactics by Iraq. Were chemical or biological agents responsible, the Pentagon would have to deal with not only how well it prepared troops for the possibility of chemical warfare in the gulf war but also how effective was the antichemical gear it provided soldiers.

The issue could come into sharper focus this week if US troops again clash with soldiers from Iraq. The United States Saturday sent 4,000 soldiers to Kuwait to counter an apparent move by Baghdad to increase its troop strength near the Kuwaiti border for no discernible reason.

According to documents obtained by The Washington Post, after the war was over and Iraqi troops had been driven from Kuwait, British troops found a storage tank outside a girl's high school in Kuwait that was apparently used as an Iraqi defensive position. Tests performed on Aug. 5, 1991, concluded that the storage tank contained mustard gas.

A US unit joined the inspection three days later, according to a report prepared in 1994 by a US officer identified as Michael F. Johnson. According to the document, Johnson witnessed an incident in which a British soldier dropped some of the liquid from the tank onto his left wrist. The British soldier went into shock and a large blister appeared on the wrist, according to Johnson's report.

The American troops ran their own tests, using sophisticated field equipment.

Johnson's report concludes flatly that, "Iraqi Blister and Phosgene agents were present in Kuwait," and he said he wonders why such a large container was left in the open. Johnson could not be reached for comment.

Johnson and other members of the inspection team were later awarded medals for "the positive identification for a suspected chemical agent," Riegle said in his statement.

Riegle reported that he sent gulf war gas masks to the Lawrence Livermore National Laboratory in California to be tested for biological warfare agents. The tests were inconclusive, he said, and he called for further investigation.

(Washington Post)

Monarchists seek to save Britain's scandal-tainted royals

ANALYSIS
RICHARD MEARES

ROYALISTS hope Queen Elizabeth's historic trip to Russia, which threw out its own intransigent imperial dynasty in 1917, will give her a timely reminder that her monarchy survived by changing with the times.

The palace may hope next week's royal trip to Russia, where the queen will meet leaders of a country which executed her royal relatives 76 years ago, will deflect attention from her troubles at home.

As her family lurches from one scandal to the next, mostly involving the private lives of Prince Charles and his estranged wife Diana, even loyal British followers are saying radical steps to salvage its image are now overdue.

The latest savaging of the royals, by a book claiming Diana slept with a young cavalry officer, has led devotees to join critics and demand that Charles get a speedy divorce, or even give up his right to the throne to save the dynasty.

The sugary prose of *Princess in Love* and its tawdry details of Diana's supposed passionate encounters over five years with Major James Hewitt have nudged the House of Windsor one more step into the world of soap opera.

It has further eroded respect for a family which, under fire in the early 19th century, carved itself a role as the country's moral guardians and a happy, united symbol of the nation – an ideal proving impossible to live up to in the late 20th century.

"Royals made laughing stock," ran the frontpage headline in the *Guardian* newspaper after the Hewitt book was published.

There are few taboos left today and tabloid newspapers show scant reverence for the members of an institution which they fawned on only a couple of decades ago.

The *Sun*, the cheekiest of them all, dressed Diana as a Thai kickboxer on its front page, hitting a Hewitt-faced rat.

The queen, now 68, called 1992 her year of horrors – when the marriages of two of her sons failed, her daughter Anne divorced, fire swept through Windsor Castle and discontent grew about the cost of the royal family.

But things have since gone from bad to worse, with Charles and Diana accused of waging a bitter media feud, the prince admitting adultery on prime-time television and his wife seen as top suspect in a phone-pest scandal.

With more books promising more humiliations soon, some royal watchers say the strategists at Buckingham Palace will have to rethink the monarchy's role, toning down its grandeur to save it from vanishing like imperial Russia's Romanovs.

Polls conducted after the publication show Britons, for decades among the most loyal subjects in the world, may be getting fed up with the monarchy.

The *Daily Mirror* asked some 8,000 people: "Do you think the queen should be the final monarch?". Seventy-three percent said yes. But results are notoriously unreliable and in a rival poll 70 percent said Britain would be worse off without the royal family.

Equally worrying for the palace, keener to safeguard Charles's position as heir to the throne than to help his "outcast" wife, is that all polls show sympathy for Diana.

Most people blamed Charles for the break-up and considered Diana's alleged affair justifiable since he had confessed to cheating with a married woman.

Charles says he was only unfaithful once his marriage hit the rocks, but tabloid newspapers most Britons read accuse him of sleeping with Camilla Parker-Bowles before and after he married Diana 13 years ago.

In a *Sun* poll, 65 percent of people still wanted Diana to be queen – but only half as many wanted Charles as king.

While many Britons profess to care less about royal infidelities than about the tax spent on keeping them in their glamorous lifestyle, the Hewitt affair shows signs of becoming the crisis which could force the monarchy to change.

Public figures close to the royal family, who in recent years have blamed the media for the monarchy's woes and insisted press curbs would end the troubles, now concede the royal family must put its own house in order too.

Charles and Diana must divorce as soon as possible, they say, and serious thought should be given to skipping a generation and putting their son Prince William, now 12, on the throne when the queen eventually dies.

"The present temporary separation arrangement is not proving satisfactory," said Lord St John Fawsley, who is close to royal circles and previously rejected calls for divorce.

But the next royal book, reportedly full of gossip about the men Diana has recently turned to for comfort, is due out on November 8, just two weeks after the queen gets home. (Reuter)

NEWS IN BRIEF

Dog seeking lost owner

Let the Animals Live is seeking the owner of a dog found last week in north Tel Aviv with Los Angeles dog license No. 1937. The name tag shows it belong to an Adams family, but there was no answer at their home in the US, according to group spokeswoman Etti Altman.

The dog, a male, medium-sized black labrador mix, was found with a similar-looking female puppy which has either adopted it on the street or wandered from the same address.

Anyone with information about the owners should call Let the Animals Live at 03-5445116 or 03-6046488.

Union head Ya'acov Onkovsky dies

Ya'acov Onkovsky, head of the social science academics' union, died yesterday at 49.

A Haifa native, he had previously been deputy director for organization and personnel in the Haifa District Attorney's Office and deputy director of personnel at Haifa University.

In 1975, he became head of the union's northern branch, and in 1983, he assumed the office he held until his death.

He is survived by a wife and three children.

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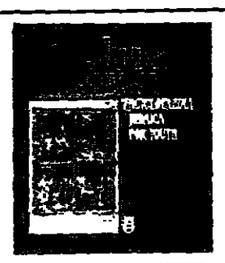
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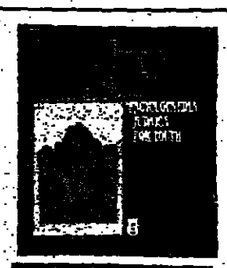




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US scientists win Nobel Prize in medicine

STOCKHOLM (AP) – Two Americans won the Nobel Prize in medicine yesterday for discovering an internal "switchboard" in cells that has helped scientists understand such killer diseases as diabetes and cholera.

Alfred G. Gilman and Martin Rodbell, who will split the $930,000 prize, were the first to identify G-proteins and the role they play in letting cells react to signals from other cells, said a statement from the Nobel Assembly at the Karolinska Institute.

"It is like a key component in a telephone switchboard," said Dr. Bertil Fredholm, a professor of pharmacology at the Karolinska Institute.

Considered a milestone in understanding diseases, the discovery had been "a complete surprise and it solved a number of problems," Fredholm said during a news conference.

Gilman, 53, currently works in the department of pharmacology at the University of Texas, in Dallas.

Rodbell, 68, works at the National Institute of Environmental Health Sciences, in North Carolina, the statement said.

The men worked separately from the late 1960s into the mid-1980s. Their research hasn't netted any treatments yet for the diseases. But the institute predicted ultimately it will.

Reached at his home in the United States, Gilman said he was "awestruck."

"I'm more excited than I've ever been."

The discovery was of "paramount importance," the statement said, and helped others study the way cells handle information they receive from each other.

They found that once cells have received chemical signals by means of surface proteins called receptors, G-proteins transmit and modify these signals within the cells.

Problems with G-proteins – too many or too few of them – can lead to diseases. The name G-protein was chosen because it "binds" guanosine triphosphate, or GTP.

Their discovery led scientists to find G-protein problems in many diseases. In cholera, for example, scientists found that the toxic bacteria alter the G-protein, turning it into something like a "green light" in a cell allowing constant dehydration.

"This prevents salt and water from being normally absorbed from the intestines. The resulting loss of water and salt can lead to dehydration and death," the statement said.

The "altered signaling" in cells also has been found in people with diabetes, alcoholism, some tumors and skeletal deformations, the statement said.

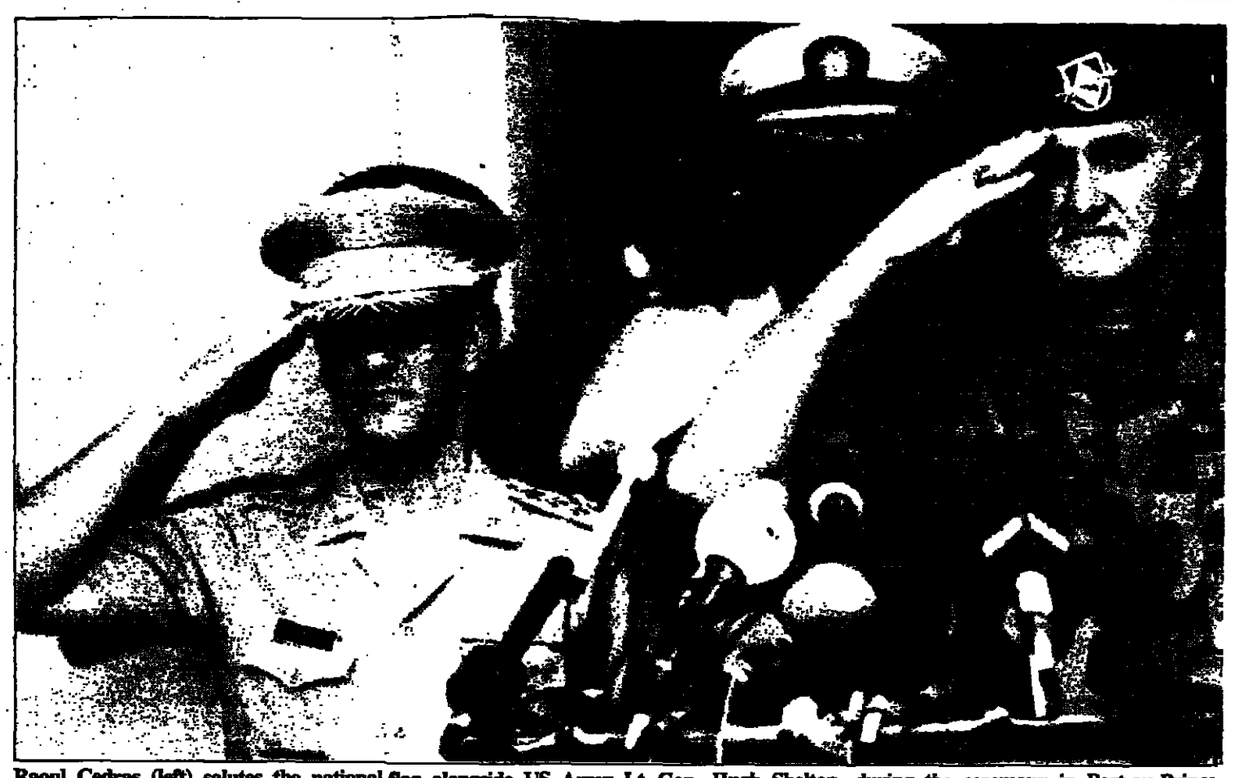
"Due to the discoveries of Gilman and Rodbell, and their work, several laboratories turned to (research in this) area," the statement said.

Rodbell launched the research into G-proteins with a set of pioneering experiments between 1969 and 1971 at the National Institutes of Health.

Gilman picked up the research in 1975 while at the University of Virginia at Charlottesville and had been working on the problem as late as 1985.

Nobel officials said both scientists plan to come to Stockholm to receive the award on Dec. 10, the same day that other awards are handed out.

The prize – formally honoring research in medicine and physiology – is given by the Karolinska Institute to scientists whom it feels have most benefited humankind.



Raoul Cedras (left) salutes the national flag alongside US Army Lt.-Gen. Hugh Shelton, during the ceremony in Port-au-Prince yesterday in which the Haitian leader stepped down. (AP)

Cedras resigns, says he will leave Haiti

News agencies

PORT-AU-PRINCE

HAITIAN military leader Lt. Gen. Raoul Cedras resigned yesterday and said he would leave the country.

The general who for three years thumbed his nose at international pressure to restore democracy has quit to pave the way for the return of exiled President Jean-Bertrand Aristide, the man he toppled in a bloody 1991 coup.

"I have decided to leave our country so that my presence will not be a motive to create terror..." Cedras said. "The future may seem dark to you but I am sure at the end of the tunnel a country will be waiting for that will be solid and prosperous and you will have a life that is livable."

In a brief ceremony outside army headquarters, an unsmiling Cedras handed over control of the Haitian military to the army's No. 2 commander, Maj. Gen. Jean-Claude Duperval.

"This is a symbol of our army to my successor," Cedras said. "This will signify for you the transmission from the present and the future. Our army that was formed with slaves and that had created a country of which Haiti was given."

A surging crowd of more than 1,000 people cheered and chanted "Aristide or death!" as two American military helicopters hovered overhead.

"Wherever I will be I will be suffering when you are suffering; I will be happy when you are happy," Cedras said. He saluted stiffly before leaving the podium.

Senior Haitian officers in khaki uniforms watched from the second-floor balcony of the yellow-trimmed white building. The Haitian officers were accompanied by US military officers.

"Hoodlums, hoodlums!" the crowd cried as Cedras arrived in a motorcade for the ceremony. The chants of the crowd drowned out his speech.

The crowd also launched into "Auld Lang Syne" to usher out the military regime.

Two bursts of automatic weapons fire rang out from a convoy escorting resigned Haitian military ruler Lieutenant General Raoul Cedras from military headquarters through an angry crowd.

It was not clear whether American or Haitian troops following the convoy fired the shots. Hundreds of Haitians immediately dropped to the pavement but there were no apparent injuries.

The crowd had surged around the convoy carrying Cedras and his wife. Before it sped out of sight, the angry crowd chased Cedras and his party away, pounding on his vehicle doors and windows.

Cedras, who along with Brig. Gen. Philippe Biamby and police chief Michel Francois, ousted Aristide, had earlier vowed to remain in the country.

But US officials say that Cedras will leave Haiti soon, saying that his presence in the country would present security and political problems to Aristide and the US troops here to restore the elected goverment.

It was not immediately clear when Cedras was planning to leave Haiti. US officials have indicated that it will be within days.

US Embassy spokesman Stanley Schraeger said yesterday that among the countries that could take in Cedras would be Panama, Spain, Argentina or Venezuela.

He also said he could not rule out the possibility of the United States as a future home for Cedras. The spokesman said the United States did not have any indication of when or even whether Biamby would leave Haiti.

Three years ago, Lt. Gen. Cedras led a military coup to oust Aristide, Haiti's first freely elected president.

One of the three junta leaders, Francois, fled last week to the neighboring Dominican Republic and took up residence in a Santo Domingo suburb with his family.

Defense Secretary William Perry told AP Network News yesterday that he expected Cedras to leave Haiti a day or two after resigning.

Major's Tories tempted to move right

BOURNEMOUTH (Reuter) – British Prime Minister John Major faced a fight yesterday to steady nerves in his Conservative Party as allegations about Margaret Thatcher's son threatened to worsen its already tattered image.

For the second year running the annual conference of the ruling Conservatives, deeply unpopular among disenchanted voters, is in danger of being hijacked by Major's predecessor.

Last year Thatcher's long-awaited biography dominated events but she will be as dismayed as Conservative ministers that this year stories about her son, Mark, dominate events before the conference in the southern English resort of Bournemouth.

The bad luck which has dogged Major for much of his premiership continued this weekend with newspaper claims that Mark Thatcher won 12 million pounds ($19.02 million) in commission from a huge arms deal signed by his mother.

Major was already facing a problem of how to match the performance of Labor leader Tony Blair who scored a qualified triumph in his efforts to jettison socialist dogma and lead his party to the centre-ground at last week's Labor conference.

Major faces calls from a section of his party to counter Blair with huge tax cuts and a more anti-European stance. But many supporters believe he must resist this advice to retain any hope of a fifth Conservative election victory in a row.

But his biggest immediate problem lies with allegations in the *Sunday Times* that Mark Thatcher acted as a middleman in the $32 billion Al-Yamamah sale of British arms to Saudi Arabia in the mid-1980s when his mother, now Lady Thatcher, was prime minister.

Labor Trade and Industry spokesman Robin Cook demanded an official investigation, saying Lady Thatcher stood accused of allowing Mark to use her position "to feather his own nest with the biggest hand-out on record."

The controversy is the latest of a series of sexual and financial scandals to hit the ruling party, fuelling claims by its opponents that after 15 years of office it has lost sight of the distinction between its own interests and the country's.

A poll in yesterday's *Daily Telegraph* showed 61 percent of those interviewed agreed the Conservatives gave the impression of being "very sleazy and disreputable," with only 18 percent having a similar perception of Labor.

The pro-Conservative paper commented: "In the eyes of the electorate, this government is morally tarnished. It will not be easy for the Tories (Conservatives) to wipe away the stains."

Vranitzky to head Austrian caretaker gov't

VIENNA (Reuter) – Austrian Chancellor Franz Vranitzky, smarting from large-scale voter defections to the far right, is expected to resign today and head a caretaker government until a new coalition is formed.

President Thomas Klestil said he would accept resignations from Vranitzky and leading members of Austria's two-party coalition of Social Democrats and conservatives following their final cabinet meeting, his spokesman said.

Ministers were due to walk across Vienna's Ballhausplatz from the chancellery to the presidency today and emerge as a caretaker administration.

Klestil would then begin a series of consultations with party leaders leading to formation of a new government.

Sunday's general election saw both main parties record their worst showing since 1945, while the far-right Freedom Party made dramatic gains and smaller opposition parties also advanced.

A despondent Vranitzky told a news conference yesterday he had considered resigning as head of the Social Democrats, which would have meant his total withdrawal from front-line politics, but added that colleagues "unanimously talked me out of it".

He said he would lead a top-to-bottom overhaul of his party, which he admitted had made serious mistakes in its reading of the Austrian mood.

With their two-thirds parliamentary majority blasted away in an explosion of voter protest, the cosy postwar era of grand coalition politics was over, analysts said.

Vranitzky was widely expected to resume the chancellorship after a period of consultation which could take days. But some wondered how long such a government would last.

The Freedom Party of populist Joerg Haider did most of the damage to the Social Democrat-People's Party coalition, taking 22.6 percent of the vote to become the strongest far-right party in Western Europe.

Haider, who blames foreigners for a rise in crime and demands an immediate end to immigration, boasted he would be "ready to take responsibility for all of Austria in 1998".

But commentators saw no immediate risk in his rise.

"Austria today sees an entirely new political landscape, and that's no bad thing...neither is it a danger to democracy," said the daily *Salzburger Nachrichten*.

52 nations to determine CSCE's post-cold war role

BUDAPEST (AP) – During the Cold War, things were simple. There was East and there was West. And there was one forum that bridged the Iron Curtain and forced consensus on issues vital to Europe's stability.

Founded on basic principles of human rights and a common interest in military security, the Conference on Security and Cooperation in Europe, or CSCE, helped erode the East-West divide.

Five years after the Berlin Wall fell, that role is history. The organization must find new purpose in a Europe overshadowed by current and potential ethnic conflicts that threaten stability.

The search for the new role began yesterday when diplomats from 52 nations gathered for a conference supposed to culminate in a December summit attended by President Clinton and Russian President Boris Yeltsin.

When the CSCE was formed in 1975, "the situation was very much different than today," said Hungarian Foreign Minister Laszlo Kovacs, whose country will chair the Budapest meeting. "It's role was to give a framework – set rules – for the opposing blocs."

It played a historic role in the changes in Eastern Europe and the former Soviet Union, Kovacs said.

"Now the situation is different because there are no opposing blocks ... but new security risks."

These include nationalism, minority rights, economic crises and social tensions, and the danger of "autocratic tendencies" in some East European countries.

"The CSCE has to find its role and its means in the new security architecture in Europe," Kovacs added.

He insisted that no other European organization can do this, because NATO and the European Union, among others, are designed to defend Western interests.

Whether or not the CSCE again becomes an important institution may rest on remaining differences between East and West.

Russia wants to strengthen the role of CSCE, because it is the only forum dealing with European security on the continent in which Moscow has a voice.

In the CSCE, Russia and the myriad states that emerged from the breakup of the Soviet Union and old Yugoslavia have an equal say with the mighty United States, Germany, France and Britain.

The West, fearing too much Russian influence, has thus sought to keep the CSCE in the background, preferring to offer limited cooperation to Eastern European countries of its choice through programs such as NATO's Partnership for Peace and the European Union's association agreements.

East European countries are eager to join those exclusive Western clubs partly as a security guarantee against Russia.

Kovacs said he understood both sides' concerns and hoped Hungary, which assumes chairmanship of the CSCE from Italy, can help "combine the two approaches" and again make the group influential in Europe.

Hindu leader killed in religious riots

MADRAS (AP) – A top Hindu politician was hacked to death yesterday in a southern state and communal clashes broke out in many towns as the party activists attacked Moslem businesses, police said.

Five persons whipped out knives and machetes and attacked K. Rajagopalan, the leader of the Hindu Front, as he led the visitors into his house in Madurai city.

The politician died on the spot after he was stabbed 15 times in the back, police in Tamil Nadu state said. The assailants fled after threatening others in the house in Madurai, 500 km south of state capital Madras.

The reason for the attack was not immediately known, but police said it may have been linked to the Hindu-Moslem clashes in the neighboring state of Karnataka, where at least 25 people have been killed in four days of communal violence.

The Hindu Front is an ally of the nationalist Bharatiya Janata Party, which is the main opposition in Parliament. The Bharatiya Janata had backed Hindu zealots who tore down the Babri Mosque in Ayodhya in 1992, which led to nationwide communal riots.

Across Tamil Nadu, Hindu Front activists ordered shops to shut down and some of them assaulted Moslem businessmen in many towns, police said.

The government ordered police to be on full alert. Dozens of policemen patrolled the empty streets of Madras.

In Karnataka state, language purists objecting to the telecast of Urdu language news bulletins on state-run television have attacked Moslems, who speak mostly Urdu.

The language purists, mostly Hindus, want the state language, Kannada, to be promoted at the expense of other languages.

Third man emerges at center of cult death mystery

GENEVA (Reuter) – An elegant, elderly third man emerged yesterday as a central figure and perhaps the "money man" in the sun cult mass death mystery that has taken the lives of at least 53 people in Switzerland and Canada.

As the drama took on increasingly international proportions, with police in Australia and France launching their own inquiries, Swiss investigators were reported keen to find senior cult member Camille Pilet.

Pilet, a 68-year-old former sales executive for a leading Swiss watch firm, was last seen with the two leaders of the Order of the Solar Temple, Joseph Di Mambro and Luc Jouret, the weekend before the bodies were found.

The short, gold-spectacled Pilet signed the bill on his credit card after the three men and several other apparent cult members spent a long evening in a private room at a hotel on September 30, five days before the tragedy.

Swiss newspaper and television reports have suggested that the meeting – half-way between the two Swiss villages where a total of 48 people were found dead last Wednesday – may have been called to organise the affair.

The reports say Pilet has been sighted with the two cult chiefs several other times recently.

He bought one of the chalets in the hamlet of Granges where 25 people died from Di Mambro only days before it burned down.

The owner of another restaurant west of Geneva said she had heard Pilet on the telephone there on September 21 speaking proudly of organising an expensive installation of "mirrors everywhere".

The hidden basement cult temple near the farming village of Cheiry where 23 bodies were found – 19 laid out in a sun-shaped circle – had huge mirrors all round the walls.

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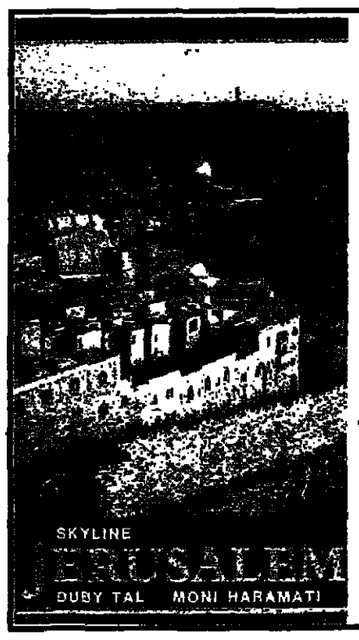
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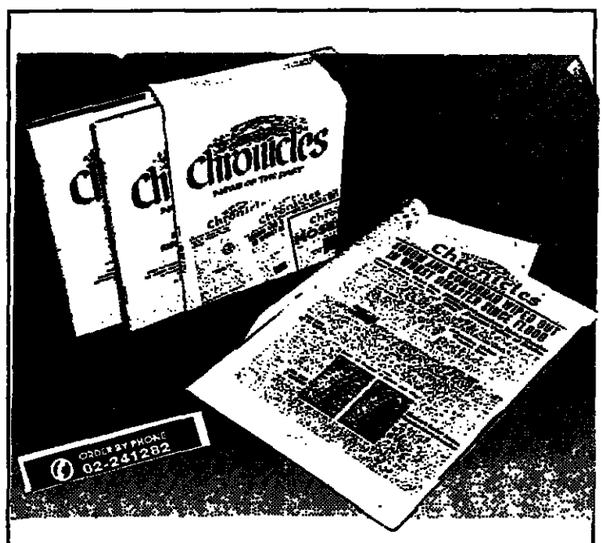
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The Hamas role

PERHAPS the most frightening aspect of the murderous sprees by Palestinian terrorists is the government's insistence on giving them a twisted interpretation. Until recently, this was true of Hizbullah attacks in Lebanon. The government would persistently blame Hizbullah actions on Iran, or portray the group as uncontrollable, independent fanatics.

Only in recent months have some government officials and army officers admitted that Hizbullah operations are approved by Syria, without whose help and support the organization could not exist. Ironically, Syrian Foreign Minister Farouk Shara as much as confirmed Syria's control of the Hizbullah in his interview with Israel Television. The only thing the government is still reluctant to admit publicly is that Hizbullah operations abroad, like the bombing of the Jewish Center in Buenos Aires, were mounted with Syrian help.

The reason for declining to associate Syria with acts of violence is plain enough: It is difficult to persuade Israelis that those who are killing them are trustworthy "partners" in the peace process.

Not surprisingly, the government is even more eager to separate the perpetrators of terrorist acts in Israel and the administered territories from the PLO. Here the process has advanced significantly: An agreement has been signed which entails ceding control over Judea and Samaria to the PLO. And if the PLO is still bent on continuing the "armed struggle," Israelis may view an arrangement which allows enemy troops to be deployed on the doorstep of Israel's population centers as reckless if not suicidal.

In its eagerness to separate the terrorists from the PLO, the government keeps pointing to those who all-too-happily assume responsibility for the killings. They are Islamic fanatics who hate the peace agreement with the Zionist enemy, say government spokesmen, and they thrive on poverty and hardship (which is why the PLO must be helped to bring prosperity to the self-rule areas).

The PLO, on the other hand, has made a commitment to peace, says the government. If it has not shown any enthusiasm about fighting the Hamas, it is because it still lacks the means with which to do battle. But the Hamas is as much the PLO's enemy as it is Israel's. Fundamentalism, after all, threatens all the region's established regimes. And once the PLO acquires the proper means, it will do what is right, and collaborate with Israel in eradicating the extremist terrorists.

One need not be a great expert on Palestinian society to know how utterly delusive this analysis is. Of course, civilized PLO spokesmen like Ahmed Tibi and Nabil Shaath are quick to condemn terrorist acts like Sunday night's attempted slaughter of passersby in Jerusalem's Nahalat Shiva pedestrian mall (which only miraculously ended with only two dead victims.)

But the fact is that 70 Jews and innumerable Arabs have been killed by Palestinian terrorists since the signing of the Oslo agreement, and Yasser Arafat himself has never openly, personally condemned a single killing. To say, as Tourism Minister Uzi Baram said yesterday, that with 10,000 armed men – all acting in the name of the Palestinian Authority, not the hated "occupation army" – he does not have the means to fight terrorism is an to insult the intelligence.

That Arafat has not been able to apprehend and punish a single terrorist since he established his rule in Gaza and Jericho speaks for itself. His police know who the wanted terrorists are, and they know where they are. The reason they have done nothing against these terrorists is as simple as it is obvious: They have been ordered to leave them alone.

Much has been made of the possibility that one of Sunday night's killers was a soldier in that army euphemistically known as the Palestinian Police. But it would be a mistake to suggest that whether or not he had actually worn a Palestinian uniform makes a difference. The sympathy of this whole army is with the terrorists. Many of the policemen openly support Hamas, and even participate in their demonstrations.

Nor is this true only of the PLO troops. A PLO newspaper in English published in Jerusalem by "moderate" Hanna Siniora eulogizes all Hamas murderers killed in self-defense by Israelis, and even those killed by accident by their own bombs, as "martyrs" of the Palestinian struggle. Only the hopelessly gullible can reconcile this with PLO "condemnations" of terrorist acts.

The most common excuse the government makes for Arafat's unwillingness to combat terrorism is that he may be assassinated. The Syrian foreign minister also said last week that Assad cannot appear to be too eager to make peace because he may meet Anwar Sadat's fate. Such reasoning is nothing short of absurd. If the present leaders so fear assassination that they cannot act, the whole peace process is meaningless. If the forces opposed to it are powerful enough to dictate its nature with threats, surely they can void it with action.

It is time for the government, which has finally understood the workings of the Hizbullah, to recognize the structure of Palestinian terrorism. The Hamas can no more operate without PLO approval than the Hizbullah can attack Israeli positions without Syrian consent. In both cases, the "fanatics" kill while the "moderates" negotiate. The killing serves as a threat and a reminder: Unless Israel withdraws, there will be more deaths. And once Israel yields to this kind of blackmail, there will be no end to it.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

PROPOSED COALITION AGREEMENT WITH SHAS

Sir, – Recent press coverage of the coalition agreement with Shas which was initialed by Prime Minister Rabin all but ignores several critical elements. While emphasis has been placed on Meretz's objections to the various concessions to Shas in the agreement, the press has ignored the fact that the agreement has yet to be approved by the official bodies of the Labor party. The various provisions in the agreement which would give religious legislation and custom a quasi-constitutional status are in direct conflict with relevant sections of the Labor party platform.

While the press has focused on the political in-fighting surrounding the coalition agreement, it has neglected the serious ramifications behind it. No one questions the importance of peace; but we must remember that life will go on after peace is achieved. The agreement Rabin signed with Shas would effectively mean that basic civil rights would be harmed. The chief victims of the agreement would be the women of Israel since the agreement would put an end to possible reforms in marriage and divorce and to a woman's right over her body, and could undermine other important achievements for women reached through the courts, such as women's representation in religious bodies and other areas of public life.

The issues affected by the coalition agreement are not fringe issues affecting a minority. If the agreement is ratified and put into effect it will change all of our daily lives, for both men and women in Israel. We appeal to the public at all parts of the political spectrum to let their representatives in the government know that the democratic and pluralistic nature of the country must be maintained. If we ignore the implications of the agreement and allow Shas to define the Jewish character of the state, we will all suffer the consequences for years to come.

MIRIAM ISSEROW,
Advocacy Coordinator,
Israel Women's Network
Jerusalem.

DOUBTFUL PEACE

Sir, – Do Messrs. Rabin and Peres honestly believe that, by caving in to Mr. Assad's diktat, they are safeguarding Israel's interests? Their action is reminiscent of that of Mr. Neville Chamberlain, the British Prime Minister who, in the autumn of 1938, on returning from Munich where he had met with Hitler and Mussolini, declared that he had brought back "peace in our time." How long did that so-called peace last? Less than a year.

Our border with Syria has been quiet during the last 21 years, precisely because our troops are stationed on the Golan. (It is worth remembering that the Golan was once inhabited by Jews, as is proved by the many synagogues discovered in archeological digs.)

If Israel accepts to go back to the borders that existed between 1949 and 1967 – six meters from the eastern shore of Lake Kinneret, with Syrian soldiers perched on the Golan Heights, overlooking the Kinneret and the Hula valley – would this mean a lasting peace? Sooner or later the Syrians would again attack Israel, to gain the lands they call "Southern Syria," and we would find ourselves embroiled in yet another war, under extremely difficult conditions.

MARCELLA SEGRE
Jerusalem.

THE PEACE PROCESS

Sir, – As the national debate on the future of the Golan heats up, opponents of the peace process are claiming that the Golan is strategically indispensable.

However, in the long term, Syria could develop chemical, biological or nuclear weapons, or could invest heavily in conventional weapons. What security would then be provided by the Golan?

The only true security can be achieved through strong social, diplomatic and commercial ties. It is incumbent upon each of us to support the peace process and actively find ways of fostering such ties.

DR. ZE'EV C. BRIRISH
Jerusalem.

THE PRICE OF AGGRESSION

Sir, – President Assad of Syria claims that if Israel fails to evacuate every centimeter of the Golan, it will bear responsibility for the "consequences."

I too am an adherent to the doctrine of "no territorial aggrandizement through aggression," but when a nation has committed aggression not once but three times, on each occasion with the avowed objective of destroying Israel, I believe that the aggressor has to pay a price. Quite apart from our security needs, any aggressor anywhere in the world should be made aware before embarking on a martial adventure that there is a price to be paid.

It is up to our government to rebut Assad's hutzpa with equal firmness and make it quite clear to him that he has to pay the price of his aggression.

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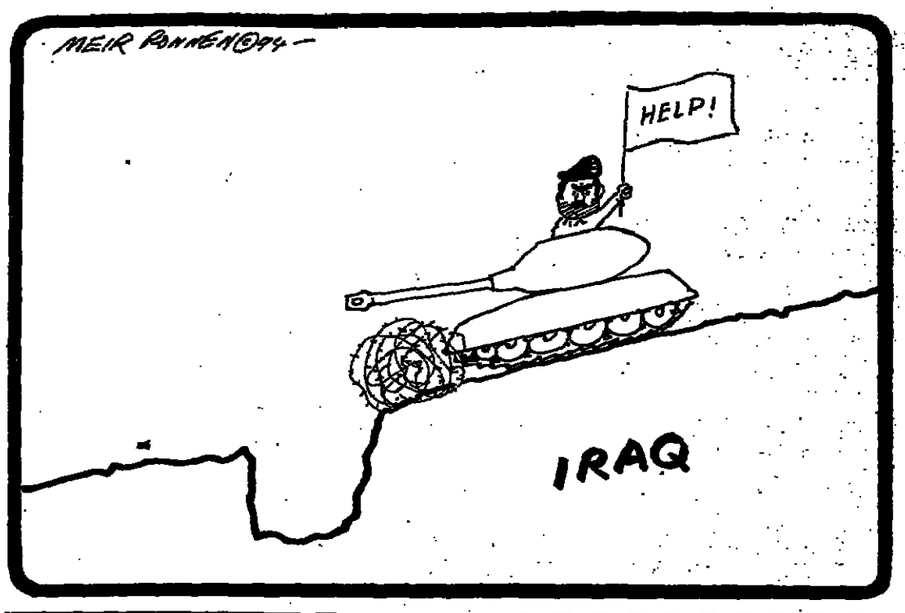
"EYE ON THE MEDIA"

Sir, – David Bar-Illan should have no worries about running out of material for his *Eye on the Media* column. Even in south Florida, with a sizable Jewish community, I never find anything positive regarding Israel in *The Miami Herald*, the largest paper in this area.

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Reckless rush to 'peace'

ARIEL SHARON

I used to believe that politicians, who will stoop to any kind of hypocrisy, would stop short when it came to the safety of Israelis and the existence of the state. But I was wrong.

"Only a political solution will end Palestinian terrorism," trumpeted the politicos, and IDF commanders, many of whom have lost the war on terrorism, echoed their slogan. It was a war that for seven years they were never required to win. Cynically, the government directed things so that there was no possible solution but surrender.

There already is "a political solution;" yet terrorism is still on the rise, the number of Jewish victims is growing, and the trumpeting of slogans has died away.

Sunday night's terrible incident in the heart of Jerusalem only shows how serious the situation has become and how our leaders have erred in evaluating the situation. It exposes the dangerous way in which the politicians are using the IDF top brass for their own ends, virtually ignoring the need to protect Israeli lives.

But wait. The politicians' trumpets are sounding again: "Only a political solution will halt Hizbullah terrorism in Lebanon. Only through that, and by an agreement with Syria – which means quitting the Golan – can we prevent casualties in Lebanon." The army leaders nod their heads sadly in forced agreement.

"Then I'll be able to look mothers in the eye, and our soldiers, too," adds the prime minister.

But the politicians have forgotten to remind the nation, the soldiers' parents and the valiant soldiers and their commanders of one thing: that, being politicians, they aren't allowing the IDF and its Northern Command to take the necessary action against Hizbullah and other terror groups in South Lebanon. The politicians are tying the army's hands, forcing it to sit back in passive defense.

"You mustn't violate the 'understandings' with the Syrians," the political echelon preaches to the IDF. And "the terrorists haven't deviated from the understandings reached after Operation Accountability," the politicians declare with satisfaction, whenever there's an attack in South Lebanon and it doesn't spill over from the security zone. They're allowed to strike there, under the agreement. It's like a game, with medieval knights tilting against each other.

"You can't go any further; it might upset the political process with Syria," warn the bright sparks in the Foreign Ministry, who've never seen war. And, with the IDF restricted to mere reaction, our casualties mount.

THIS SITUATION, created by the government, allows it to turn to the nation and ask each parent: "Which would you prefer: a son attacked in Lebanon, or an agreement with Syria which means quitting the Golan?" A cruel, ugly choice, indeed. But good groundwork for a referendum.

The premier weaves dangerous stories and strokes his ego, while terror mounts

And instead of telling the Syrian leader, "Don't count on exploiting Israel's internal debate, don't even think of attacking us," as any responsible head of government would, our elected premier turns to his compatriots and threatens them with war in five to seven years unless there's an agreement, and quick. This forecast has no basis in intelligence. And if there is such a danger of war with Israel on the Heights, with their massive defenses, one may imagine our situation once we retreat again to territory below the Syrians.

But the prime minister feels that the nation, which cherishes the Golan, is unconvinced. So a new story must be woven.

An old friend whispers to me: "Have you heard? The premier told a closed circle that only peace with Syria can contain the danger from a nuclearized Iran. We must get a move on. The danger from Iraq is growing too, and if the UN's inspection there stops, Saddam will also have nuclear weapons." Added his wife quickly, "Rabin also said that Iran would send weapons to Hizbullah – and then what will become of us?"

Sighing, they continued: "There's nothing we can do. We have no choice. We must give in to the Arabs." When they saw the look of astonishment on my face, they added: " What – you think Rabin doesn't understand the real situation?"

That reference to Iran and Iraq needs clarification. The truth is that, with his declarations, the premier is actually bringing the Iraqi and Iranian danger closer.

Iran is making vast efforts to rearm, particularly with nuclear weapons. Intelligence services worldwide believe that it may possess such weapons by the year 2004, perhaps earlier. If it continues at its current pace, it will have reached the point of no return in three or four years, and the process will roll ahead.

There is no chance at all that signing peace treaties with our immediate neighbors will stop the Iranian and Iraqi nuclear arms race. There is no negotiating with them. The only thing that could contain the Iranian danger is an international coalition, including the US, Europe, the CIS and, most important, China. A coalition like that could exert economic and political pressure on Iran.

But Europe is selling Iran goods to the tune of $25 billion a year, and so hasn't much interest in intervening. And if, in this situation, the premier of Israel, the country most threatened by Iranian nuclear arms, gets up and says, "Peace agreements with the Palestinians and our other neighbors can reduce the Iranian danger," other countries will simply sigh with relief and put off any action.

"If Israel has a solution," they will say, "why should we rush? We have enough problems of our own." And all that goes for Iraq too.

Rabin does understand the situation. But he's in a hurry. He wants to close the historical circle, and can't accept the fact that there isn't any connection between national historical circles and the circle of individual lives.

Perhaps the best peace will be achieved only after the Rabin era. But leaders have to learn to be bigger than their egos, no matter how difficult this may be.

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Charity begins at home

DANNY BEN-MOSHE

IT is well-known that Hamas nurtures support in the Palestinian community by offering financial help to families in need. By extending its control to hospitals and welfare institutions, the fundamentalist Islamic group is able to expand its sphere of influence.

A large share of the funds distributed is raised in the West, for putatively charitable purposes. But a questionnaire found in the possession of a Hamas member provides detailed insight into how Hamas manipulates charity work to serve the needs of violence.

Sunday night provided an example of Hamas's modus operandi, when two Hamas men armed with automatic rifles and grenades opened fire in a crowded pub and cafe area in downtown Jerusalem, killing two Israelis (one an Israeli Arab) and wounding 13 others, four seriously. "Our bold military operations will not cease as long as there is an Israeli soldier left on our occupied land," said a Hamas leaflet sent to news agencies yesterday.

The questionnaire found on the Hamas member was prepared by the Hamas-controlled Zakat committees. These are welfare organizations found in towns and villages throughout the territories.

A Palestinian seeking welfare assistance such as medical aid or support for a child at school applies to a local Zakat committee and is handed the questionnaire, which then forms the basis for consideration of his request.

Section A of the 50-point document is innocent enough: name, age, number of children, occupation, education, medical history.

But the 28 questions of Section B are in no way connected to the welfare applicant's needs. Instead, they probe his character and ideology.

Question four asks: "Is the applicant courageous?" Question five: "Is the applicant noble?" Question seven: "What is the applicant's relationship with his Moslem brothers?" Question eight: "Is the applicant discreet and loyal?"

Thirteen questions into this section, all attempt at subtlety has gone.

Hamas asks the applicant about "the extent of his participation in Hamas activities," following this with a question about "the applicant's willingness to be a martyr in the name of the cause of jihad."

Slowly but clearly, the motives behind this welfare begin to emerge.

Question 16: "Has the applicant ever been arrested?" Question 17: "Did he confess?" Question 18 asks about "the extent of his confession."

Hamas's idea of welfare: aiding needy Palestinians, then recruiting them to kill

After asking about the applicant's "devotion to missions," the final two questions are blatant enquiries into the applicant's suitability for Hamas terrorist attacks.

Question 27 asks: "Does the applicant have the ability to penetrate other organizations/streams/collaborators?" And finally, in Question 28: "Does the applicant's physical appearance allow him to pass as a foreigner?"

Hamas is challenging the PLO as philanthropist to needy Palestinians, testing their ideological correctness at the same time. Through manipulation and control of welfare committees, it has found a way to recruit volunteers for its murderous missions.

Hamas funds come from three main sources: a UK-based fund for assisting Palestinians in Lebanon; the Holy Land Fund in America, and a fund in Saudi Arabia.

Western governments permit these funds to be raised for charitable purposes. But, as the Zakat questionnaire demonstrates, Hamas's idea of charity is hardly the conventional, Western one.

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Imported flowers

GALIA GOLAN

We can't have it both ways. We can't claim to be the state of the Jewish people, a refuge and a home for Jews, encouraging and welcoming aliya – which is codified in our Law of Return – and then seek to weed out those who may be a burden to us.

It is true that massive immigration from any country places a serious strain on the economy and services of a small country like Israel.

This was a problem in the early years of the state with the massive immigration from North Africa, and it has been a problem with the recent massive immigration from the former Soviet Union.

In both cases, these were immigrations that we sought, labored for, and, in many instances, the immigrants themselves suffered for. This was – is – the ingathering of the Jews for which the state was founded. That is, the idea that Jews, anywhere, have the right to self-determination in their own state.

And just what constitutes a burden?

Historically, it has taken very few years for even massive immigrations to be absorbed, for jobs and housing to be found, for language to be acquired and adaptation achieved.

Yes, there are immigrant problems. But Namir's solution is wrong

Large immigrations ultimately bring about an expansion of the economy and strengthen the country in ways which clearly render them a benefit and contribution to the future of Israel – contributions which in time far outweigh the initial strain.

This immigration from the former Soviet Union contains a high percentage of skilled, educated and talented individuals. Like many immigrants before them, they are willing to make sacrifices, work in menial positions and "make do." They will surely prove to be one of the best things that ever happened to Israel.

And what criteria are used to determine who is a burden?

The figures provided by Labor and Welfare Minister Ora Namir regarding the "burden" of this immigration are, apparently, incorrect. According to the minister of absorption, only 15 percent of the immigrants are elderly, 10 percent constitute one-parent families, and even fewer are disabled.

And who is to say that such people are a burden, that they can contribute nothing, that they have no place in our society and no right to assistance?

And why pick on these categories over others? There were times when one heard the complaint that Americans send only their problem children to Israel. To this day, the kibbutzim must deal with this "burden" often placed upon them by Zionist parents in the US.

And what about the immigrant (and non-immigrant, native) Jews in our yeshivot, who enjoy government subsidies and services, leave the country and often return only to vote, without shouldering the responsibilities borne by most citizens?

Ora Namir is an excellent government minister, one known for her diligence and dedication. It was undoubtedly frustration at being unable to resolve the many difficulties of seeing to the rights and needs of all sectors of this society, and providing jobs and welfare for them, that prompted the minister to make her extraordinary proposals regarding "selective" immigration.

Problems do exist, but her solution is wrong. It is up to the country, the people as well as the government, to make the effort and meet the challenge of jobs, housing and welfare for immigrants. It's part of what being the state of the Jewish people is all about.

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POSTSCRIPT

SO WHAT do you think O.J. Simpson has been doing lately? Well, his life is in ruins, but at least he's keeping busy making a small fortune – by capitalizing on his own misfortune.

Simpson became involved in a little cottage industry from his cell, autographing a specially-created series of O.J. Simpson trading cards. While awaiting trial for murder, he signed 300 numbered cards for a Washington State dealer, and another 2,500 cards for a trading-card company.

The Washington cards were dated by Simpson and numbered by his agent.

Both sets of cards display two photographs of Simpson, one during his college days, the other while he played for the Buffalo Bills.

Simpson was rumored to be earning at least $200 per signature, which is more than other inmates make by producing license plates.

A WOMAN killed a mountain lion with a kitchen knife after the 27-kilo animal attacked a group of campers in Dos Rios, California, and bit off her husband's thumb.

"I had a hell of a time getting the knife through its skin," said Robin Winslow, 48. "It's tough, like shark."

The Winslows and another couple were sleeping in a meadow outside their remote Northern California cabin when they were awakened by a scuffle between their collie and the lion.

After the four built a campfire in hopes of scaring the animal away, it charged out from under the cabin and attacked Kathleen Strehl.

The two men wrestled the mountain lion off her and held it down while Robin Winslow stabbed it in the stomach with the double-pronged, 30-cm serrated knife.

Troy Winslow's thumb was bitten off and Strehl suffered a gash. Mrs. Winslow was unharmed.

Suzanne Dellal celebrates five years of devotion to dance

MICHAEL AJZENSTADT

NOT so long ago, Neveh Zedek – the old neighborhood on the border between Tel Aviv and Jaffa – was best known for sand and drugs.

Today, five years after the establishment there of the Suzanne Dellal Center, one of the country's most attractive performing arts centers, Neveh Zedek is a place to see and be seen.

The center – with three major halls, studios and spacious, attractive courtyards – is an ideal home for theater, music and, above all, dance.

"I had a vision that this would be a thriving, sizzling place. And in more than one way, this vision has come true," says center general manager Yair Vardi, 41, a former dancer with Batsheva and foreign companies.

"These were five very interesting and exciting years. And I want to believe they were five good years, but this is for others to tell me," he says.

The jury is still out, but some observers say quality has often been sacrificed at the altar of quantity.

Other issues facing the center are competition from the soon-to-be-opened Tel Aviv Performing Arts Center, and the fact that Suzanne Dellal does not have an in-house company of its own.

Meanwhile, Vardi sees himself as an active caretaker for this country's dance future. "We provide an organizational umbrella for all dancers and choreographers," he says. "It's up to them to come up with the goods."

They have.

Vardi, with the active help of the dance department at the city arts department, has created a variety of year-round events that follow young choreographers' progress.

From *Gvanim Bamahol* (Shades of Dance) to *Haramat Masach* (Lifting the Curtain), from premieres to performances by the established Batsheva Dance Company, Suzanne Dellal has become a kind of national center for dance.

In fact, says Vardi, "dance is the only art form that has its own obvious identifiable center in Israel."

Performance is only one part of the equation.

"This is where dancers can work. We give them opportunities to work and perform which they never had before. Suddenly, things are happening on the local dance scene that never happened before," he says.

Noa Wertheim and Adi Sha'al, better known as Vertigo, an energetic Jerusalem dance duo, agree. "We would have loved to dance more in Jerusalem, but there is nowhere to do so," Wertheim says. "And there is a great dance audience in Suzanne Dellal."

But as much as the dancers themselves cherish the opportunities provided by the center, there is ongoing dissatisfaction concerning the quality of work there.

Vardi is aware of the criticism, but qualifies it. "Yes, not everything done here is really great. But we will have quality only after we nurture quantity. It's not easy and, don't forget, it's also very subjective.

"But I'm not an artistic director of a specific company. I'm a general manager of a center that presents dance by various companies and individuals," he says.

Vardi believes that since the center's inauguration "there has been an enormous improvement in the quality of dance in Israel."

However, he canceled last year's *Shades of Dance* festival because there weren't enough top-quality works.

"People forget that I did the same two years ago as well. Maybe it's more appropriate to do this every other year. But you see that I'm also concerned about quality as well."

Some of the works that were premiered in *Shades of Dance* through the years are still being performed here and abroad. That, Vardi says, is most important of all.

Vardi knows exactly what his priorities are for the next five years at Suzanne Dellal: "I want to preserve what we did here and search for new ways to present dance and help choreographers."

He is not worried at all that a new, much bigger space is opening this month in Tel Aviv and does not see any competition.

"The Tel Aviv Performing Arts Center is a different space altogether. We could have never brought the Frankfurt Ballet, for example, to Suzanne Dellal – we don't have a big enough hall for such a company.

"But I believe there will be ways in which we will collaborate with the new hall. They will present dance and the artists coming might give some workshops at the center. That would be ideal."

The Batsheva Dance Company will be performing at the new center as well. But Vardi does not fear they will leave Suzanne Dellal.

Ohad Naharin, Batsheva artistic director, always wanted a bigger stage to perform on. "But we will always do many evenings at Suzanne Dellal," Naharin said. "This is our home. We'll go out only for those big works which cannot be done there."

Vardi's biggest dream at the moment is to create "a group working regularly in the center. We need an artistic organization to work on an ongoing basis in these spaces."



General manager Yair Vardi had vision of the Suzanne Dellal Center as a 'thriving, sizzling place.' (Hanoch Guthmann)

Vardi is not necessarily talking about an ongoing ensemble. Rather he dreams of special projects during which young dancer-choreographers will be able to create and perform their work. "But it must be more than a one-time festival event. We need continuity and even more so the young performers need this continuity."

The Suzanne Dellal Center is celebrating its fifth anniversary in style. The Batsheva Dance Company opened the celebrations with a marathon of its work and there is an exciting international dance competition taking place at the center.

Two years ago, Vardi organized the first dance competition at Suzanne Dellal, but it was not a success.

This time he believes the quality is much higher. "We had over 200 applications. We watched 90 of them and eventually chose 30. It will be a very interesting competition."

There are two first prizes, one each for choreography and dancing worth $15,000.

In December there will be another edition of the Lifting the Curtain festival for young choreographers, a video dance workshop and a choreography workshop later in the year, all to nurture local dance.

"I have this idea to bring famous choreographers to work with local talent on the most important dance works which already exist worldwide," says Vardi. "I hope I will manage to do so."

Still afloat on the big blues ocean

NEW RELEASES

TIRZAH AGASSI

MUSICIANS' lives are rarely dignified, yet some old-timers survive with their bodies, their minds and even their integrity intact.

Eric Clapton and Neil Young are two such elder statesmen serving as role models for the fresh crop of young desperados launching rock 'n' roll careers.

Both musicians have new releases which are selling well and garnering critical acclaim. Both Clapton's live blues album *From the Cradle* (Hed Arzi) and Neil Young and Crazy Horse's *Sleeps With Angels* (Hed Arzi) are formidable projects by mature men who are by no means standing still.

VH1, America's "MTV for older people" is running a spot in which Clapton, its current featured artist, confides, "I'm qualified to sing the blues, because of what has happened to me. But I'll never do it as good as a black man."

Such humility is refreshing, but unwarranted. For there are plenty of poor black musicians, and Clapton and his 14-man musical crew do just fine in their blue-eyed interpretations of 16 blues classics.

Clapton credits these songs with having served as a life raft for him during his own tribulations, and admits to being quite scared to add his own testament to blues history. Nonetheless, he and the guys have a whale of a time in these very live sessions that are a veritable orgy of ecstatic misery.

The archetypal woman who inspires these men may have had the nerve to kick each and every one of them out of her life, but this is *not* a down album.

Tribute is paid to legends such as Eddie Boyd ("Third Degree"), Ray Charles ("Sinner's Prayer"), Lowel Fulson ("Reconsider Baby") and above all Muddy Waters ("Blow Wind Blow," "Standin' Around Crying" and "Hoochie Coochie Man").

Clapton's interpretation and musicianship are both masterfully controlled and wildly expressive. He manages to be believable and avoids overdoing it. As he sings "Motherless Child," this British-born illegitimate son who hated having to pretend that his mother was his sister, gives us everything he knows on a soul level.

The only problem with the album is its length. At 16 tracks, I find it overlong. But blues lovers will surely consider the extra tracks a bonus. The same goes for pub owners and restaurateurs who will surely play it for ambiance.

IT TOOK courage for Clapton to plunge into the well-charted waters of the blues, and it took a different kind of courage for Neil Young to head out into the ozone as he does on *Sleeps With Angels*.

The title song is about grunge suicide Kurt Cobain. Young, who has been called "the grandfather of grunge," must surely have been pained by this repeat performance of the self-destruction that was rampant among the musical peers of his youth.

Like Clapton, whose album is a full-scale exercise in male bonding, Young is surrounded by trusted musical friends, namely his band Crazy Horse, to whom he gives full billing.

This is an odd album in which Young goes out on a limb, singing almost off-key, as though wondering out loud. The first song, "My Heart," sounds like a music box backing a lullabye about a mid-life crisis: "Somewhere, somehow I've got to get somewhere / If it's not too late, if it's not too late..... / My love I will give to you / Though I'm not sure what love can do....."

Along the way he touches various bases. On "The Prime of Life," he asks "Are you feeling all right? /Not feeling too bad myself." It sounds as if this son of a prominent Toronto journalist is sending out a newsletter to his entire generation, plus every former freak on the planet.

He also deals with drive-by shootings and the demise of the great western hero who *knew* that he was the hero.

Young even gets extremely personal in the overlong "Change Your Mind," informing us, "The morning comes, there's an odor in the room / The scent of love, more than a million roses bloom." The song sounds like a paean to matrimony as he insists that the listener not "let another day go by without the magic touch."

He is generous with his confidences, but the musings he shares are often not quite crystallized. Love seems to be what's worth it, the decline of the inner city haunts him and he is still furious at shoddy consumerism. "Safeway Cart" is a stirring vignette about the underclass, and "Piece of Crap" is an entertaining, spontaneous outburst. Nonetheless, the album could have used a little editing.

If you are a fan of Young's and can forgive his self-indulgence, this intimate album could become a beloved household staple. If not, last year's unplugged album (Hed Arzi) will give you more bang for your buck. Come to think of it, the same applies to Clapton and *his* unplugged effort.





Elder statesmen of blues and rock, Neil Young (left) and Eric Clapton are role models for the younger generation of musicians.

Sophisticated kid stuff

HELEN KAYE

AFTER three years of nursing the Children and Youth Theater (CYT) back to artistic and financial health, general manager and artistic director Dr. Razi Amitai decided it was time for him to direct again.

He's preparing *Mr. Maze's Amazing Maze Plays* by UK playwright Alan Ayckbourn, translated into Hebrew by Ben Bar-Shavit, one of four new plays in the 14-play lineup for the 1994/95 season opening this month.

Mr. Maze's Amazing Maze Plays (*Hakol al Hakol Bemavoch Hagadol*) is one of two plays for six- to eight-year-olds and enlists the audience to help Suzy and her dog, Neville, rout a mysterious wizard who imprisons sounds.

"I've missed directing dreadfully," Amitai confides at CYT's downtown Tel Aviv offices. "Whether or not to work creatively is a dilemma facing many who come to management via the arts."

Not, he hastens to add, that the constant problem-solving which management entails can't be creative in its own way. When Amitai took over CYT in the spring of 1992, the theater, crippled by a NIS 2.3 million deficit, had suspended operations.

A bailout loan from the Ministry of Education and Culture covered the deficit, and, aided by radical restructuring, the theater has since been financially sound.

This year's budget is NIS 4.8m., of which NIS 1.8m. comes from the Ministry of Communications and the Arts and NIS 600,000 from the Tel Aviv Municipality, which also supports CYT's home theater, the Yaron Yerushalmi Auditorium at the Suzanne Dellal Center. The rest of CYT's funding is earned income.

Last year "we gave 742 performances," says Amitai, "an increase of 400% over the previous season, when we did 186."

Another first last season was a (successful) subscription series. This year subscribers can choose four of the nine plays in the four-to-12 age range. These include *The Fall and Rise of King Archispectorus I* and *Ella and Louis*, both of which won first prize at the Haifa Children's Theater Festival.

CYT's total audience is from kindergarten through 12th grade. Its productions tend to have an educational message, such as *The Adara Oath* and *What a Vacation*, both in their third season, which are about immigrant absorption, or the new *The Color Pearl* by Haim Idissis, CYT's '94/95 season opener, about totalitarianism.

A similar play (and film), *The Wave*, not a CYT production, was a straightforward examination of how totalitarian regimes develop. *The Color of the Pearl* is more subtle because its hero, Alexander, shows the audience that his silent complicity is what feeds the monster.

"The question of moral cowardice and courage are at the heart of this play," agrees *Pearl* director Itzik Weingarten, who is looking forward to the debates he hopes the play will spark.

Other plays in the lineup include *Two on a Roof*, which discusses coexistence (eighth season), *The Golem*, whose subject is the end versus the means, and *Wasserman*, a dramatization of the fantasy by Yoram Kaniuk.

"Because good theater, not education, is our primary criterion," Amitai insists, "we're not tied to any central pedagogic idea in our choice of material. It's not our business to make theater that will or will not suit the authorities' educational themes for any given year." None the less, "as a state-subsidized theater it is our business to set standards that other [children's theaters] will aspire to."

Amitai reluctantly agrees that much of local children's theater patronizes its young audiences, but rejects the idea that CYT does the same.

"Today's children are video-clip kids whose patience is limited and whose attention span is short," he says, "but they're also more sophisticated visually and aurally. We try to find ways of presenting theater so that it will remain the exciting event it always has been."

Three's not a crowd

DANCE

DORA SOWDEN

THE Bat-Dor Dance Company's program at Tel Aviv's Noga Theater on October 3 could be called a triple triumph.

Three of the works were premieres, two by Gigi Caciuleanu, who last year added two works to the Bat-Dor repertoire, and one by Joe Orlando, who has been here more than once to teach Bat-Dor summer courses.

These three were of such high caliber that they made this occasion a worthy dedication to the late dance patron and Capezio dance-gear chain owner, Estelle Sommers.

Compared with the earlier Caciuleanu works, these two were a surprise – vibrant and contrastive, novel and clever.

Comedy lightheartedly recalled the days of the commedia dell'arte that made its way around Europe, entertaining princes and peasants with antics that ranged from mime to mummery.

The choreographer used the old gestures the performers employed to draw the audience members' attention to themselves. The timing was tumultuous and rollicking, aided by the droll costuming.

Seven dancers filled the stage delightfully, as if they were a multitude, and the Lully music was delightful too.

Acto, on the other hand, was made of sterner stuff. A huge dial marked the passage of time, and love and life at various ages and stages.

At 5:10, two teenagers petted and frolicked. Later, an older couple danced their relationship, and still later an even older couple showed tempestuous difference, until finally, since everything must come to the same end, there was a slowing down, the most subtle touch of all.

If anyone thought that whatever would follow would be an anticlimax, they were wrong. Orlando's *Drum Spirit* was full-blooded and brought back the fire of life and living. The choreography drew upon the primitive and the present, and the drums were not alone in dictating the beat. If there is one word for it, it is "pleasure." No wonder the applause was uproarious.

The program had opened with Nils Christe's *Museum*, well-danced but choreographically a display rather than communication.

Ra'anana off on the right foot

CONCERT ROUNDUP

WITH new concertmaster Nitai Zori at its helm, the Ra'anana Symphonette opened its season with style, playing better than it ever has.

The program was conventional but only to a point. It was the middle piece that made the real difference and showcased the orchestra at its very best.

Instead of the customary concerto, the Symphonette offered De Falla's *The Three-Cornered Hat*, in a presentation with the Yoram Boker Mime Group.

The ballet was given a fiery reading by the orchestra under Yeruham Scharovsky's baton. It was a performance suggesting the Symphonette is capable of exciting playing when it performs the right repertoire.

The three mimes added charm to the performance with their straight-forward rendition of a love triangle. It was lively, though far from sophisticated, showcasing the power of mime.

In Dvorak's Seventh Symphony the orchestra was less convincing. This is a piece intended for larger symphony orchestras. That said, the playing was solid throughout but lacked the joy de vivre delivered in the evening's encore, a *Slavonic Dance* by Dvorak.

Yad Labanim, Ra'anana, October 6. ***Michael Azjenstadt***

THE Lod Chamber Orchestra inaugurated its first season on Saturday evening, and showed it is an ensemble to be reckoned with.

The players (13 strings, eight winds) brought fine-honed musicianship to bear on works by Elgar, Lully, Corelli and Handel. All seasoned professionals from the former USSR, they accompanied Haydn's Trumpet Concerto (soloist Doron Silashi) with well-rounded intonation.

They also followed conductor Shimon Shahal in a warm, loving performance of Mozart's Symphony No. 29. For one number, "Waltz" from Tchaikovsky's *Serenade for Strings*, the ensemble played without a conductor and exhibited a sure sense of rhythmic cooperation and harmonic blend.

The versatile Shahal – composer, educator and ethnomusicologist – organized the Lod Chamber Orchestra in collaboration with the Lod Municipality. The salaried orchestra will present eight evening concerts and children's concerts in the schools this season.

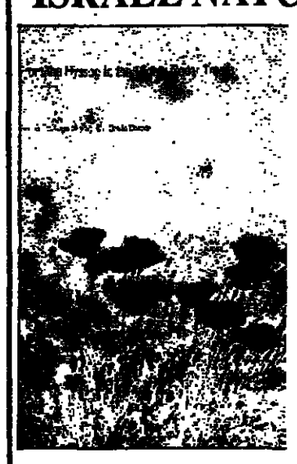
The audience of 300 which filled the concert hall responded to the new ensemble with grateful satisfaction. Many of them, like the musicians, were immigrants. *Ramat Eshkol Community Center in Lod, October 8.* ***Max Stern***

TOWER RECORDS' TOP 15

THIS WEEK	LAST WEEK	WEEKS ON CHARTS	ARTIST	TITLE
#1	/	1	VARIOUS ARTISTS	THREE TENORS
#2	3	2	R.E.M.	MONSTER
#3	1	7	RITA	THE GRAND LOVE
#4	2	7	NATASHA'S FRIENDS	RADIO BLAH BLAH
#5	10	8	YEHUDIT RAVITZ	FOLLOW YOUR HEART
#6	8	4	FILM SOUND TRACK	THE LION KING
#7	4	5	YEHUDIT RAVITZ	COLLECTION
#8	11	53	SHLOMO ARTZI	COMPLETE COLLECTION
#9	7	3	HIT MAN 1994	VOLUME 5
#10	9	53	BOAZ SHARABI	YOU ARE THE NIGHT TO ME
#11	/	1	FILM SOUND TRACK	FORREST GUMP
#12	5	4	SINAED O'CONNOR	REAL MOTHER
#13	8	34	DAVID BROZA	MASSADA
#14	13	3	ERIC CLAPTON	FROM THE CRADLE
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BUSINESS & FINANCE

Holidays cut down trade deficit

JOSE ROSENFELD

THE trade deficit shrank 56.5 percent last month to $397 million, as the holidays limited the number of business days and sharply reduced the volume of imports by 27.6%, the Central Bureau of Statistics reported yesterday.

Exports decreased a slight 3.5% to $1.052 billion from $1.09b. in August, while imports fell to $1.448b. from $2.001b.

During the first nine months of the year, the trade gap shot up 28%, as imports rose 14% compared to a moderate 7% increase in exports.

Seasonally adjusted figures for the third quarter of the year show that exports fell 5%, in contrast to increases of between 3% and 4% in each of the two preceding quarters.

Industrial exports, excluding diamonds, dropped 4.7% compared to the previous quarter. Chemical exports tumbled 12%, and machine and electronic exports – which make up nearly half of all industrial exports – fell 7%.

By contrast, mining and quarrying exports surged 13% in the third quarter. The remaining sectors registered export rises of between 1% and 5%.

Diamond exports increased 4% in the third quarter, averaging $300m. a month. Agricultural exports fell 7% compared to the second quarter, averaging $47m. a month.

Imports diminished 4% in the third quarter, after a meteoric surge of 12% in the first quarter, followed by a more moderate 1% increase in the second quarter.

Consumer imports were stable in the third quarter, averaging $247m. a month, after dropping 3% in the second quarter, following a 14% surge in the first quarter.

Non-durable goods imports fell 2% and car imports inched down 1.3%. By contrast, electric appliances and furniture imports rose 7%.

Production input imports, excluding diamonds, were flat, after rising 2% in the previous quarter and 10% in the first quarter.

Imports of raw food materials, wood and wood products, rubber and plastic, metal and iron fell between 3% and 9%. By contrast, non-ferrous metal imports shot up 12%, precious metals 9%, cloth and thread 4%, and raw materials for paper production 3.5%.

Investment goods imports, such as machinery, equipment and vehicles, dropped 10%, after falling 4% in the second quarter and jumping 22% in the first quarter.

BUSINESS BRIEFS

Business delegation from Ghana refused entry visas: A business delegation from Ghana, expected to participate in the upcoming Timber 94 exhibition in November, has been refused entry visas. The exhibition organizers said the Interior Ministry will allow the eight-man delegation to enter on condition the exhibition's organizers post a personal guarantee of NIS 40,000 (NIS 5,000 per participant), to be returned upon the group's departure.

"This is the fifth time we are organizing Timber, and the first time we have encountered a refusal to grant entry permits to exhibitors and businessmen," said Arie Marom of International Exhibitions Israel. "It is unthinkable that the Interior Ministry would prevent the participation of a professional delegation from a country such as Ghana, which is not in a state of war with Israel."

Batya Carmon, deputy manager of the Interior Ministry visa department, said it is precisely because Israel is perceived as a place of friendship and prosperity that problems have arisen. The influx of illegal workers from Ghana has forced the ministry to take stricter measures.

Campaign launched against insuring civil servants in Mivtahim: The Insurance Companies Association has launched a campaign against the Finance Ministry's plans to insure new civil servants with the Histadrut's Mivtahim pension fund, association chairman Uzi Levi said yesterday.

The association, which has hired attorney Michael Saked to represent them in their campaign, is urging the ministry to refrain from signing an agreement with pension funds which have an actuarial deficit.

Business sector's payment record worsens: The business sector's payment record worsened in September, as 30.4 percent of all companies paid their suppliers late compared with 25.4% in August, Dun and Bradstreet reported yesterday. Durable goods wholesalers had the worst payment record with 40%, while textiles had the best record at 12%.

***La Nationale* said to manage fund for Arab entrepreneurs:** *La* Nationale Insurance company will manage a $100 million investment fund for Arab and French entrepreneurs, *Globes* reported last night. La Nationale managing director Moshe Pereg refused to confirm or deny the report.

WORLD BRIEFS

Rouble plunges 6% against dollar: Russian banks sold the rouble down six percent to the dollar yesterday, and bankers and economists warned the rudderless currency was heading for the rocks amid signs of rising inflation and worsening state finances. The central bank watched as the rouble slumped to 3,081 to the dollar from Friday's 2,896 at Moscow's Interbank Currency Exchange. The fall extended the rouble's loss against the dollar to 14.5% so far this month after last month's 20%, which outpaced September's monthly inflation of 7.7%. *Reuter*

Oil market fears subside: World oil prices were little changed yesterday after fears of military conflict in the Middle East subsided as Iraq told the United Nations that Baghdad was withdrawing troops from its southern border with Kuwait.

Oil prices rose sharply early in the day after a weekend buildup of Iraqi forces prompted Kuwait's western allies to send tens of thousands of soldiers to protect the oil-rich Gulf emirate. Prices were already drifting off in London afternoon trading when Iraq's UN envoy told the UN Security Council president that a withdrawal of Iraq troops was underway.

Benchmark North Sea Brent Blend crude at 1620 GMT stood one cent up on the day at $16.94 a barrel for November delivery. On Friday, Brent peaked at $17.32 when news of the Iraqi troop buildup first broke but closed later at $16.93. *Reuter*

Lufthansa, Thai Airways in largest global network: German national airline Lufthansa and Thai Airways International created the largest international network of air services yesterday when they signed a strategic "code-sharing" alliance.

The move to share flight codes and link route networks on booking systems connects the burgeoning economies of Southeast Asia with Europe and the lucrative North American market via Lufthansa's existing deal with US carrier United Airlines.

Code-sharing allows a passenger to buy a ticket with one airline in one country for travel on both the issuing airline and on planes of its partner airline on connecting flights. *Reuter*

Open up the skies

COMMENT

NEIL COHEN

THE Civil Aviation Authority's threat to stop British Airways flying here is surely a hollow one. It is hard to believe British Airways will take the threat seriously, and indeed they are probably thanking the CAA for the excellent free publicity.

It is hard not to see El Al's hand in the move, and if it was El Al who put the CAA up to the move they have probably scored an own goal.

But the issue behind the threat is a more serious one. Despite considerable deregulation in recent years, air travel remains one of the most heavily regulated markets worldwide. The large number of state-owned, flag carriers which lose vast amounts of taxpayers' money has led several nations to block reforms, while more market-oriented countries have retaliated by maintaining barriers they otherwise would have been willing to tear down.

To be sure, if the CAA fixes prices every time El Al is threatened with a price war, the carrier's profit margins will be afforded a measure of protection. But if El Al wants to compete in the ever-tougher big wide world, it will need increasing access to routes and slots. These will not be forthcoming from our trading partners if the process is not a reciprocal one.

El Al has thankfully come through the worldwide recession relatively unscathed. As privatization looms, it needs to prepare for a new era, given the likely boom in travel to the area as the benefits of the changing diplomatic picture are felt.

With the right capital structure there is no reason why El Al should not be one of the winners, particularly given the bruising some of the competition have taken. But it will have to learn to deal with open markets, and that means getting its cost structure right and putting the protectionist past behind it.

Economists call for devaluation

JOSE ROSENFELD

THE ever growing gap between galloping inflation and the crawling devaluation of the shekel has generated a flurry of calls by economists for a one-time devaluation to help reduce a ballooning trade deficit.

Inflation, which is roaring ahead at an annual rate of 14.5 percent, is causing the shekel to be overvalued, as it has only lost 5.9% against the currency basket and 1.1% against the dollar since the beginning of the year.

An overvalued shekel makes exports more expensive, and therefore less competitive. Reducing the cost of imports, which in turn reduces the competitiveness of local products.

Economic Models director Ya'acov Sheinin yesterday joined the fray and called on the government to devalue the shekel by 3% to 5% as soon as possible.

"The sooner they go ahead with the devaluation, the better, since producers' profitability will improve more," said Sheinin.

He suggested that after a one-time devaluation, the government continue with the current 6% annual devaluation rate under the crawling peg foreign exchange system.

He conceded that the devaluation will contribute an additional 2% to inflation. But since inflation has already deviated significantly from original estimates, a little more inflation will not be so serious, Sheinin said.

"I would sacrifice 1994 on behalf of 1995," he added, expecting that a better match between the shekel and inflation will help cool prices next year.

Bank of Israel officials are fuming at this latest spate of devaluation demands, which they fear will torpedo any efforts to keep a lid on private sector wages.

Devaluation expectations will push private sector workers to demand generous wage concessions to protect themselves from higher prices.

Bank of Israel spokesman Ohad Bar-Efrat said what contributes the most to business sector's profitability is wages and not larger devaluations, which only help push prices higher.

Bar-Efrat added that the only way to reduce inflation and the large trade deficit is to cut private and public consumption, which have caused the problem. The government must reduce spending and retrench its work force.

"A one time devaluation, won't do anything," he said.

Former Treasury director-general Ezra Sadan agreed with Sheinin's analysis of the problem caused by an overvalued shekel.

However, "when you consider the dynamics of the devalnation process, the government shouldn't reopen the vicious circle of devaluation, followed by rising prices, followed by higher wages, bringing us back to another devaluation," he said.

Sadan suggested instead what he calls a "dirty crawl," whereby the central bank speeds up the devaluation rate in the present crawling peg structure in a way which is not readily apparent to the public.

Bar-Efrat rejected Sadan's suggestion, insisting that past experience, showed that when the central bank accelerated the shekel devaluation above the crawling peg's midpoint, the pace of inflation picked up.

Bezek, Motorola set up new firm to run cellular phone service

JUDY SIEGEL

BEZEK and Motorola yesterday established a new company, Pelephone-Cellular Communications, to run its cellular phone service.

Since 1984, Motorola has run the service, with Bezek as a partner supplying part of the infrastructure.

Bezek and Motorola have equal shares in the new firm. The Communications Ministry required them to set up a separate company, which will compete with the second cellular phone service, Cellcom.

Bezek director-general Yitzhak Kaul and Motorola-Israel managing director Hanan Achsaf, who signed the agreement for the new company, said demand for cellular phones has risen way beyond initial expectations.

There are more than 120,000 Pelephone lines currently in use, while original predictions expected only 10,000 this year.

So far, they have invested $250 million in infrastructure and expect to put in an additional $150m. during the next three years. Hundreds of thousands of new lines are expected to be added if the ministry allocates additional frequencies for transmitters.

Kaul said the cost of Pelephone service will only go down, while that of Cellphone (which begins in Tel Aviv in two months) will only rise.

The company heads said their partnership was an excellent example of a state and private company joining forces. They were now "strategic partners" that provided an excellent basis for going into new markets abroad.



Kaul: Demand for cellular phones has risen way beyond initial expectations.

Ministries told to cut wage expenditures 3%

JOSE ROSENFELD

MINISTRY director-generals yesterday were given directives to cut wage expenditures by three percent and ordered to freeze all hiring until the reductions are approved, the Treasury reported.

The cut will not require the firing of civil servants, but will include reductions of items such as overtime and car allowances.

Treasury director-general Aharon Fogel, wage director Yossi Kucik and Civil Service Commissioner Ya'acov Galnoor called the meeting yesterday to discuss the implementation of the wage expenditure cut, which the cabinet adopted last month.

The decision was made in an effort to moderate the impact of the generous public sector wage agreement on inflation.

During the discussions, the Treasury clarified that the management of each ministry will be given discretion and flexibility in choosing the way to reduce its wage expenditures. The ministries were also asked to eliminate unnecessary activities.

First International Bank's Teuza reports September's best real return among funds

GALIT LIPKIS BECK

UNITED Mizrahi Bank reported that all its provident funds had negative real returns in September, while the other big banks reported real yields ranging from 0.9 percent to negative 1%.

First International Bank's funds and most of Bank Hapoalim's and Bank Leumi's funds achieved positive returns in September.

First International's Teuza led the way with a real positive yield of 0.89%.

Bank Hapoalim's Gadish, the largest fund in the nation, achieved a real yield of 0.2% in September and a negative real yield of 5.7% during the first nine months of the year.

Bank Leumi's Otzma reported a real yield of 0.21% in September and negative real return of 3.56% since the start of the year.

Bank Discount's Tamar reported a real yield of 0.4% in September and a negative yield of 5.7% since the start of the year.

All the banks' funds achieved accumulated negative real returns in the first nine months of the year.

The best performing fund among the banks so far this year is Mizrahi's Hinanit (Medium).

It has a negative real yield of 1.41%.

The figures in full are as follow (all figures are real yields):

Bank Hapoalim's Gadish, September +0.2%/nine months -5.7%; Compensation, September +0.3%/nine months -5.3%; Keren Or, +0.1%/-5.9%; Katzir, +0.1%/-5.8%; Redundency Compensation, +0.2%/-2.6%; Kinneret +0.2%/-5.6%; Tautza, -0.7%/-16.2%.

Bank Leumi's Otzma, +0.21%/-3.56%; Sion, 0.11%/-4.68%; Tzur, +0.29%/-3.85%; Rimon, -0.6%/-9.99%; Ya'ad, -0.03%/-6.47%; Rakia -0.86%/-14.78%; Taoz +0.11%/-4.28%; Sagi, +0.12/-5.08%; Keshet, +0.04%/-4.57%; K.M.P., +0.19%/-3.86%; Signon Shares, +0.04%/-15.59%.

Bank Discount's Tamar, +0.4%/-5.7%; Gafen, +1.2%/-6%, Shikma, -0.4%/-9.8%; Pitziim, -0.1%/-5.3%.

United Mizrahi Bank's Atid, -0.18%/8.74%; Lior, -0.19%/-8.66%; Tiferet, -0.15%/-8.62%; Compensation Fund -0.24%/-9.04%; Assaf, -0.15%/-10.26%, Hinanit (Medium), -0.44%/-1.41%; Hinanit Shares, -0.98%/-17.24%; Shomron, +0.5%/-18.42%; Orit, -0.69%/-17.97%; Gmul, -0.71%/-18.76%.

First International Bank Ha'melacha, +0.51%/-2.08%; Maitav, +0.46%/-3.82%; Atidut, +0.54%/-3.84%; Teuza, +0.89%/-3.84%; Tohalet, +0.72%/-4.10%; Keren Hasefa, +0.4%/-3.99%; P. International, +0.55%/-3.86%; Mistalem, +0.48%/-3.33%.

Licenses granted to import fruit

GALIT LIPKIS BECK

THE Agriculture Ministry has approved licenses to import apples and pears in reaction to the shortage of fruit.

The licenses are valid until the end of January.

The ministry received requests to import 16,000 tons of apples and 1,600 tons of pears, but Agriculture Minister Ya'acov Tsur has only agreed to approve the import of 10,000 tons of apples and pears at this stage.

In three months, importers can submit request to import apples and pears during the February-May period.

The ministry intends to approve the import of between 20,000 and 25,000 tons of apples and pears this year, depending on the severity of the shortage.

ILA works to help offset sudden jump in leasing fees

EVELYN GORDON

THE Israel Lands Administration is working on a proposal to lower leasing fees for those who pay in a lump sum instead of every year, as compensation for the sudden jump in the fees, ILA director-general Uzi Wexler told the Knesset Economics Committee yesterday.

The committee was discussing the recent rate hike, which has often amounted to several hundred percent.

In one case brought before the committee, for instance, a man who was billed NIS 70 last year was charged NIS 485 this year.

Wexler told the committee the apparent jump was due to a long-standing mistake. Though ILA leasing contracts include a yearly fee equal to 2% of the property's value, he said, this fee was often not collected.

When this was discovered, the ILA decided to lower the fee to 0.2%, but to collect it from all its 160,000 lessees. Thus, though the rate was lowered, actual payments increased for many people.

Because the ILA failed to explain this, however, it has received some 43,000 complaints from angry customers, he said.

In response, Wexler said the ILA is working on a plan to allow lessees to pay their fees in a lump sum based on less than the true value of the property, instead of annually, but based on the actual value.

If this plan is approved by the finance and housing ministers, it will be brought before the public in April, he said.

Senior citizens, families with many children and others who have trouble paying the leasing fees would be allowed to postpone payment until they sell their apartment, and then pay in a lump sum, he added.

Committee chairman Gideon Patt (Likud) suggested that whatever people have already paid in leasing fees should be deducted from such a lump sum payment. He also slammed the current system, saying the annual collection costs and dealing with consumer complaints cost much more than the NIS 20 million the ILA managed to collect.

Consumer groups also welcomed the new plan, but said they were unhappy with the precedent that the ILA could solve the problem created by its own stupidity on the consumers' backs.

Ordinary people, they noted, generally pay for their mistakes themselves.

Banks ordered to identify clients in fight against crime

JOSE ROSENFELD

THE Bank of Israel yesterday issued directives requiring banks to identify bank customers as part of international banking efforts to fight drug and terrorist money laundering.

The new regulations, which will become effective in January, require the banks to identify all their customers, including the names of individuals that have real control over bank accounts, even if the accounts appear under companies' names.

In addition, transactions that are not performed by means of a bank account, such as the cash purchase of a bank check, will also require the bank to identify the customer.

According to Bank of Israel spokesman Ohad Bar-Efrat, bank authorities expect to deter money laundering by means of identifying customers on the premise that criminals want to avoid publicizing their names.

However, he admitted, that under the supervisor of banks' present authority, irregular or unusual transactions cannot be reported to the police for investigation due to privacy protection laws.

To put teeth into the Bank of Israel's anti-money laundering efforts, the central bank is working with the Justice Ministry to draft legislation that will allow banks to report to police suspicious money transactions.

Prior to the new directives, banks were only required to identify customers that held shekel checking accounts. This situation, enabled new immigrants and foreigners with foreign currency accounts to legally launder money. By contrast, the new regulations require the banks to identify all their customers, including those from their foreign branches.

Bar-Efrat denied that the new regulations have been adopted to stem the reported large flow of black money CIS immigrants are bringing.

ISRAEL MONEY MARKETS

Patah (foreign currency deposit rates) (9.10.94)

Currency (deposit for:)	3 MONTHS	6 MONTHS	12 MONTHS
U.S. dollar ($250,000)	4.875	5.125	5.625
Pound sterling (£100,000)	4.375	4.875	5.875
German mark (DM 200,000)	4.250	4.375	4.750
Swiss franc (SF 200,000)	3.125	3.250	3.625
Yen (10 million yen)	0.750	0.875	1.125

(Rates vary higher or lower than indicated according to deposit)

Shekel Foreign Exchange Rates* (10.10.9)

	CHECKS AND TRANSFERS Buy	Sell	BANKNOTES Buy	Sell	Rep. Rate**
Currency basket	3.3470	3.3940	—	—	3.3712
U.S. dollar	2.9970	3.0393	2.94	3.06	3.0200
German mark	1.9345	1.9619	1.90	1.99	1.9482
Pound sterling	4.7496	4.8167	4.65	4.87	4.7835
French franc	0.5662	0.5742	0.55	0.58	0.5705
Japanese yen (100)	2.9612	3.0233	2.92	3.06	3.0044
Dutch florin	1.7226	1.7520	1.69	1.78	1.7408
Swiss franc	2.3347	2.3678	2.29	2.40	2.3528
Swedish krona	0.4050	0.4107	0.40	0.42	0.4091
Norwegian krone	0.4480	0.4513	0.44	0.46	0.4481
Danish krone	0.4943	0.5013	0.48	0.51	0.4979
Finnish mark	0.6303	0.6392	0.62	0.65	0.6338
Canadian dollar	2.2241	2.2556	2.18	2.29	2.2421
Australian dollar	2.2133	2.2445	2.14	2.26	2.2304
S. African rand	0.8381	0.8499	0.69	0.86	0.8444
Belgian franc (10)	0.9401	0.9534	0.92	0.97	0.9469
Austrian schilling (10)	2.7465	2.7853	2.70	2.83	2.7681
Italian lira (1000)	1.9029	1.9297	1.86	1.97	1.9159
Jordanian dinar	—	—	4.20	4.46	4.3035
Egyptian pound	—	—	0.86	0.91	0.8815
ECU	3.6986	3.7508	—	—	3.7246
Irish punt	4.5935	4.7596	4.58	4.87	4.7237
Spanish pesets (100)	2.3359	2.3699	2.27	2.42	2.3518

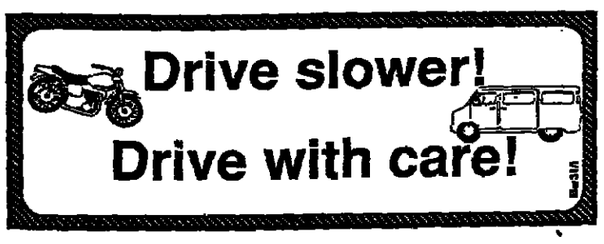
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New York market indexes

	Last	Change
DJ Industrials	3818.9	+21.27
DJ Transport	1460.15	+15.37
DJ Utils	179.8	+1.38
DJ Comp	1271.34	+8.49
NYSE Indust	318.31	+2.55
NYSE Transport	227.12	+2
NYSE Comp	263.14	+1.81
S&P 100	425.2	+3.04
S&P Spot Index	458.96	+3.58
AMEX Comp	455.63	+0.51

NYSE stocks

	Unchanged	Advances	Declines
Share movements	+872	1391	762
Volume up (in 1000's)			157901
Volume down (in 1000's)			44646

Other stock market indexes

	Last	Change
FTSE 100	3032.2	+33.6
Tokyo Nikkei average	19744.7	0
Singapore all-shares index		+8.4
Hong Kong Hang Seng Index	9248.4	-36.48
Seoul Index	714.83	+0.68

Israeli stocks in NY

	Last	Change
NYSE / AMEX		
Am Isr Pap	48.5	-0.5
Ampal A	8.625	+0
Ayal	1.4375	-0.0625
BioTechnology	2.875	-0.125
Carmel Cont	8.625	+0
Frutarom (electrochem)	3.4375	+0.125
Elscint	2.125	+0
Elr Lesud	7.75	-0.125
Elr Lesud A	8	-0.125
Laser T.	5.375	+0.125
PEC	27	+0.125
Tadiran	21.375	+0
NASDAQ / over-the-counter		
Aladdin	10.5	+0
ATHL Dimension	6.375	+0
Ampal 8.5	0	+0
BVR	5.8125	+0.4375
Consensus	11.625	+0.375
Data (Defense)	7.5	+0.125
DCI	18	+0.125
Edunetics	2.25	+0.3125
Edu-Soft	10.5	+0
Elscint Pref	6.25	+0
EFR	28.625	+0.625
ESI	23.25	-0.75
Eton	2.25	-0.125
Ethiad Robotec	0.625	-0.125
Fibronix	1	-0.0625
M. Systems	3.875	+0
Gilat	12.625	+0.125
GIG	2.375	-0.125
Genitek	1	-0.125
Health Tech	2	-0.1875
Idan	0.5	+0
IES	3.625	+0
Indigo	1.5	+0
Interpharm	19.5	+0
Ivaxco	1.8125	+0.125
First Isr Fund	13.375	-0.125
Isrek	0.5	+0
Lannet	8.125	+0
Lumenitics	4.375	+0
Magal	4.875	-0.625
Made-At	3.375	+0
Mercury	8.75	+0.5
Magic	8.75	+0
Orbotech	9.4688	-0.15625
Ophap Tech	2.75	-0.125
Radx	3.5	+0.25
Robomatrix	1.875	-0.0625
Saphire	3.5625	-0.1875
Scitex	21.875	+0
Silicon	3.5	+0
T.A.T. Technol	2.875	-0.125
Teko Vit	5.5625	-0.1875
Telecrom	7	+0.25
Telegraph	4.875	+0
Unet	29.875	+0.3125
TVG	1.625	0

(All listings are closing quotes)

INT'L MONEY MARKETS

Dollar crossrates (US)

		Last	Change
Pound:	spot	1.5859	+0.0001
	Dec/June (CME)	1.585	-0.0008
D-mark:	spot	1.545	-0.0033
	Dec/June (CME)	0.6476	+0.001
S-franc:	spot	1.2369	+0.0009
	Dec/June (CME)	0.7826	-0.0003
Yen:	spot	100.32	-0.33
	Dec/June (CME)	0.010027	+3.8e-005
CanDlr:	spot	1.3468	-0.0006
	Dec/June (CME)	0.7425	+0.0006
AusDlr:	spot	0.7367	+0.001
	Dec/June (CME)	0.7374	+0.0008
F-franc:	spot	5.8825	-0.003
It Lire:	spot	1672.5	-4.1
Mg:	spot	1.7309	+0.0001
Austrsg:	spot	10.915	+0.005
Rand:	spot	3.575	+0.0025
ECU:	spot	1.2375	+0.0017
Bonds	future	98.4375	+0.21875
S and P	future	460.2	+3.65

Libor rates

		Last	Change
Dollar	3 months	5.625	0
Dollar	6 months	5.875	0
Dollar	12 months	-	-
Sterling	3 months	5.9375	-0.0625
Sterling	6 months	6.4375	-0.125
Sterling	12 months	7.3125	-0.125
S-franc	3 months	4.1875	-0.0625
S-franc	6 months	-	-
S-franc	12 months	-	-
D-mark	3 months	5.1875	0
D-mark	6 months	-	-
D-mark	12 months	5.8125	0
Yen	3 months	2.375	0
Yen	6 months	2.5	0
Yen	12 months	2.875	+0.0625

(Spot market listings are from approximately 22:30 Israel time. All others are closing quotes.)

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INT'L COMMODITIES AND METALS

US commodities

	Last	Change
Cocoa (Dec) (CEC)	1261	+8
Coffee (Dec) (CEC)	179.75	-13.15
Sugar no.11 (Mar) (CEC)	12.43	+0.05
Wheat (Dec) (CBOT)	393.75	+2.5
Soybeans(Nov)(CBOT)	612	+0.15
Orange juice (Nov)(CEC)	91.2	+0.3
Crude oil light (Dec)(CEC)	19.1	-0.3

London commodities

	Last	Change
Cocoa (Dec) (LCE)	934	-1
Coffee (Nov) (LCE)	1448	-38
Brent crude oil (Dec)(IPE)	1671	-39

Spot market metals (US)

		Last	Change
Gold:	spot	390.8	-0.2
Silver:	spot	5.58	-0.03

New York metal futures

	Last	Change
Gold (Dec)	388.4	-0.4
Silver (Dec)	5.815	-0.032
Platinum (Jan.)	430.3	-2.2
Palladium (Dec.)	163.45	-0.8
High-grade copper (Dec)	1.1485	+0.002

London metal fixes

	Last	Change
Gold AM fix	391.65	-0.9
Gold PM fix	391.2	-0.3
Silver fix	581.4	-4.1
Platinum PM fix	417.1	-3

Month in parentheses signals contract exp. date*

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TEL AVIV STOCKS

Multi-sided trading

Commercial Banks

Name	Price	%chg
FirstIntl2	2943	-13.2
General	3580	
IntlDevDD		
IndDevPD		
LeumiWt1		
MadC	186.50	-1.1
OHH	129806	
Trade	552	-1.0
TradeC	172.00	-1.4

Mortgage Banks & Finance

Name	Price	%chg
Adanim	329987	
Clonal	652	-3.0
CanvC3	288	0.4
DevelMB	17980	-8.0
FirstMB	35000	0.2
IndepMB	61845	0.5
J IssC	128.00	0.4
JtmBnk	391	-2.0
LeumiMER	83663	-3.0
Mebtan	29281	-1.3
MishkanC	153.50	
Mizrhr	7554	-7.5
TefahotR	173256	-4.5

Financial Institutions

Name	Price	%chg
Shiton	7131	-4.8

Insurance

Name	Price	%chg
IsraelIn1	1893	
Assuit	1402	-4.0
Ayalon	1103	-5.2
AyalonC	917	
Ellan	306	-0.8
ElronC1	180.00	-1.3
HaIsr1	1119	-0.5
HaSol	1058	-3.0
HassahonC	165.50	
Hassahon1	1301	
Hassahon5	1913	
Menorah1	1084	-3.0
Menorah5	1100	-3.0
Phoenix1	3579	-5.0
Phoenix5	3402	-5.0
Saher	514	
Zion5	7733	-2.3

Trade & Services

Name	Price	%chg
Hashmira	474	-1.5
Mikhanu	1168	-5.0
Ramir	1715	
RamirW2	143.50	-9.7
RndWstC1	131.50	0.4
RndWstC2	126.50	
RoadMst2 L	3707	-2.5
Shop1	77985	-0.8
Old Coop	16397	-8.5
OldCoopC	302	
OldTWS	100.50	-23.0
OurSpeech	1878	0.2
CoOp	1279	-2.5
Crystal	1893	-4.2
DanHot1	2448	-2.0
DCL	556	-1.9
DCLW	124.50	-51.5
Elad	1852.00	-4.8
Feldmn	188.00	4.9
GanNadar	215	
GanNisC	201	-0.5
GibelG2	183.00	0.5
GoonC1	112.00	0.4
GranMk2	108.50	
HdsC1	135.00	
HdsW1	80.50	-35.5
HdsI	417	-4.8
Hdgtmd1	3938	
Hdgtmd5	3105	
Lilaz	1124	
Mall	995	-0.8
Medtech	911	-1.8
MedtechW	734	-2.8
MLLC1	164.50	0.6
Repso	1721	-5.0
Reshef	84.00	
ReshefC1	100.00	
Teera	3495	
TeeraC1	166.50	-3.2
TeeraC2		
Telegr	1233	
Topline	305	-2.6
YitzhC1	116.50	
Yitzma	1084	
Yrdan	895	-3.0
Yoma	600	0.2

Industrials

Name	Price	%chg
advantek	244	-8.1
alscheup	1734	-3.5
Ecco	407	-5.7
eolog	398	-10.0
Iscar	214	-7.0
yehoodwt	360	
AdamC	125.00	-1.6
AdamC		
AdamC2	13.50	
Allavox	1326	-4.0
Alony	258	-7.3
Alon(W)		
Alumit1TL	14099	-3.5
Angel	11058	-2.0
Argaman	599	-1.2
AriC1	90.00	-2.2
Ariely	1892	-7.0
Ashdyn1	170.00	-3.5
AsrtyW2	985	-17.2
AssutW1		
Ashtrom	400	-2.9
Atzmon	401	
AtzmonW1	208	-1.0
Azrieli	438	-3.1
Belmas	341	-10.8
BoutiqC1	193.00	-0.5
Cables C2	282	0.4
CablesC3	125.50	
CablesW3	405	-1.9
Carolina	1145	
Ciscpt	1489	-2.6
Clal	1545	-2.0
Clore	983	-1.9
ClalBrC	248	-5.9
ClalSr0.1	1957	-1.5
Clind Cit	180.50	-4.2
CyclonsW	3882	-10.0
Cyclone1	10088	
Cyclone5	9043	-10.0
CyclonC1	158.50	-0.9
CyclonC2	125.00	-1.2
Dalcon1	161.50	0.8
DelRonW2	2045	
Delcon1	3955	-0.5
Delcon	444	2.5
Degem1	1129	-4.2
Delta 1	1372	
Delta3	1457	-2.9
DubalB	9650	-8.0
DubalR	8887	-2.0
Elgar1		
ElgarC2	46.00	
ElgarW3	39.50	
Elgar	92.00	
Elgar	340	-8.3
ElgarC2	183.00	-9.4
ElronTec	72.50	
ElronW1	10445	-0.5
Elronint	4774	-4.5
Elscint	822	-5.0
ElscintW1	20.00	-11.0
Elsy 0.5	8977	-1.5
ElscrG4	304	
ElscC	388	-5.0
ElshdRstc	408	-5.9
Elwrt	2662	-7.1
Fedtex5	2000	-5.3
Fed80.1	2288	
FlexibW1	5683	-9.0
FlexibW5	4680	-6.7
Fmg J	370	-3.6
FrutarC1	208.00	0.5
FrutarC2	176.00	0.6
GiborC1	93.00	1.2
GiborSab	435	
GloWv2	484	
Golan	1	
Hamashl	1924	-10.0
Hatehn1	383	-5.0
Hatehn5	168.00	-8.3
Hcit	257	-4.1
HotR	143.00	-5.8
IscCan1	3749	-1.8
Jet-on	731	-3.3
Kadranyr1	308	-10.0
Kal	3947	
KelaniC2	176.50	
Kelar	470	
KlilnC1	157.00	
KlilnW1		
Klil	2302	0.3
Klils	2321	0.3
Lipski	2186	-1.0
Lodzia1	1423	-5.0
Lodzia4	1074	-3.6
LubaSal	178.50	-4.3
MaiPeR	328	-2.1
Magen	391	-7.1
Maskeri	1241	-10.0
Maskes5	1311	-4.0
Mel Ester	842	-1.5
Mod1	901	-10.0
Mosaic1	370	-8.8
Mosaics5	388	-7.1
NegCerem	376	-2.5
Nelsonit1	1088	-10.0
NelsonN5	820	-7.2
Nevlot	1181	-5.0
NevlotW1		
Nicet	1838	-2.5
NMS	471	-4.8
Ofa	986	-6.0
Ophir	241	-4.4
Orbit1	308	-4.4
Orlite	458	-4.0
PackerW2	6888	-7.0
Paragon	1811	-5.0
PazOil2nn	822	
Pita	694	-7.2
PolgatA	417	-5.7
PolgatC1	182.00	
Polygon	737	
PolygonC	169.50	-2.3
PCS	710	-5.2
Rabilator	728	-2.5
RabilatW	307	-12.7
SanMot1	469	-4.3
Sanot1	1391	
Sano5	1199	-1.2
Sella	538	
Sherman	10741	-8.5
Shotex	314	-4.8
Shrut	180.00	-5.7
Shufersl	9909	
Tmi	43651	-5.3
Tadiran	999	-9.6
Tedex	378	-2.5
Tfr	717	-5.3
Tofutsn1	331	
Topper	280	-10.0
TATC1	188.00	-3.1
TAT1	401	-8.5
Unitar1	1822	
UnitarC	954	
Vitelgrt	678	-2.3
Vitcon	156.00	-2.5
VitconC	158.00	0.6
Weirton	14136	-7.0
WeirtnW3	6783	+15.0
YlongCr2	884	-2.7
Zahavi	359	-3.5
Zfan1	1558	
Zfas5	1441	-2.5
Zfat1	4286	-5.0
Zfat5	4057	-1.7
ZionCat01	993	-5.0
Zrhadnf	822	-2.3

Property, Building & Agriculture

Name	Price	%chg
jerusstr	231	-8.0
Ismed	550	-5.5
Ismfed	578	-4.5
walkon	87540	-5.0
YlomsQ	184.50	-8.1
Atrov	1744	-3.5
AtrovC		
AtrovW1L	350	-16.1
Arazim	245	-5.1
Arazim C2	170.50	
Arlazim1	1170	
Arsta	2313	-3.0
ArstaC4	176.00	-1.1
ArstaW2	773	-23.5
Assuta	1138	0.3
AssutaC1	249	
AtzmonC1	202	0.4
AzorProp	577	
BayitVeG	1370	-5.6
BayitIsr5	33514	-3.0
BayitIC1	33537	
BeitYaKar	2944	-7.6
BeitYehW1	957	-25.2
BeitYnerC	83.50	0.6
BldgRes	4291	
Cosarov	1510	-3.0
DanCtyNr	1331	
DanVenC	157.00	
Danad1	188.00	-10.0
Dunbar	5182	
DunbarCw	410	
Elegr	894	-2.9
GoldHous	320	
GlbHousC	189.50	
Hpro	2454	
Ibrahim	1932	-1.5
IbrahimC	2125	
IsrasC1	180.00	
Israel5	4745	
Israel	5570	-3.2
ICR8	21997	-3.0
Jerusalm1	198	-0.3
Jordan	389	-4.9
LiskC1	105.00	0.5
Lizrick	270	
Lllkit5	172.50	-7.2
Lsrkrt1	3811	-0.2
MatbuC		
MatbuC2	114.00	
Matbun	897	
MatLasC	243	0.4
MatLasC2	88.50	2.4
MatLasW5	393	-10.1
Minrav	9853	-5.9
Mishkanit	265	-10.1
MTM	2739	-7.2
MtspMviv	1838	-1.2
PdOr	7760	-0.8
RedSea	697	
RogovIn1L	1175	-0.3
RogovIn5	1037	-3.0
Rotem	494	-10.0
SelaerHal		
Secora	285	-1.7
Shaked	555	-3.0
Teshuv	837	

Investment Companies

Name	Price	%chg
Isye	1229	-1.5
AGsan1	1588	-1.0
Adsan2	1050	-1.0
AfriaC	581	-2.4
Alrpa	122855	-3.3
Arid	6888	
Azr pC2	201	-2.0
ClalWt9	2429	-11.0
Clal30	7487	-3.2
DanbarC	207	
Danbar1	2783	-4.0
Elron	3177	
Elsesh	291	-2.0
ExpanC4	254	
Hilan	399	-5.1
HilanW4	273	-0.4
Hlpn5	8537	-3.0
Indol	1540	2.2
IOLC5	185.00	-2.4
JoeC1	171.00	0.6
JoeC1A	172.50	
Kindarl1	463	-1.9
KingsnG2		
Klal	439	-10.1
Magor1	2238	-5.0
MagorS	2083	-3.0
Mefic	812	-7.0
OsemI	1235.50	
OsemW1	4088	-15.5
Ofer	12281	-10.0
PrimeA.1	1073	-10.0
Rtnrs	578	-0.8
Rtnr4	441	-10.0
SalvaDev	2618	-2.0
Securite	2997	
SecuritC	127.00	
SecuritW	815	-5.0
SAPANHASP	944	-0.2
TfrylC	392	-9.0
TsurC1	176.50	-9.0
TzurShtar	98.00	
Unico	7085	-1.0

Oil Exploration

Name	Price	%chg
MGH	7880	-0.5

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Trade & Services

Name	Price	%chg
abtarid	708	
arkin	880	-7.3
gilbirk	831	-1.2
kicks.	517	
kshares	285	-7.2
mivtsahs	978	-2.7
mivsys	2537	-5.0
nirtsand	957	-5.5
tim	499	-5.1
AstarW1	829	-16.5
Contec	777	-10.0
DailnI	4.10	-5.9
Danal	1288	-4.5
Data	1157	-10.0
Ellech	439	-5.9
Ginaling	848	-5.0
ILDCHOT	478	-5.0
Kled	391	
Kopwi	300	-8.0
KopwiC1	154.00	-3.1
MEPK	443	-3.1
Nirlam	520	-5.9
Regency Ho	166.00	-0.5
TrendLin	1855	0.0

Property, Building

Name	Price	%chg
a.dor	224	-10.0
atonHotz	703.50	-4.5
granadr	187.00	-4.5
Hamlor	2000	-2.7
Adler	217	-10.0
Bet--Tfort	1799	
Delasset	5351	-8.0
Derby	3720	-10.0
Elrot	6255	-5.9
GazaW1	416	-13.7
GlobC1	303	-1.9
Lasnich	246	
Lasnich1	245.50	-4.2
Mefilein	916	
Ofr	239	-5.0
Rassco	2980	-5.0
Scandia	182.00	-9.9
ScitexC	128.50	
UnicomG1	114.50	
Unicom1	121.00	-9.0
Unicom5	111.50	-3.5
UnicomW3	60.50	-5.5

Industrials

Name	Price	%chg
aboodiagn	180.00	-10.0
aidoorfagn	355	
ipmaa	1613	-1.5
marinhold	770	-9.9
micro	1704	-4.8
playtcn	2888	-4.4
techcer	2888	-2.0
techem	697	-2.9
tomaser	974	-4.0
vicmetw	1888.50	-9.0
zivmetal	1267	-1.8
Adumim1	282	-10.0
Benuch1	1788	-10.0
Benuch5	622	-10.0
Brokr1	350	-8.1
Dncar	1895	-1.2
Elem	204	-5.1
Gali	138.50	-2.9
Ilog1	681	-5.3
Lahav1	3117	-5.0
MenCr1	1352.50	-0.4
Mer1	369	-5.9
MLT	1300	-1.2
Nice	31777	-2.5
NiceGI	201	-1.0
Orckids	698	-0.5
Orrot	400	
OsemC	95.00	-0.5
OrdaPrint	2031	-10.0
Rotlict	598	
Shikolnt	194.50	-5.1
Tadiv	950	-4.5
TibovIG1		

Investment Companies

Name	Price	%chg
darbant	2408	-5.0
Ider	791	-3.6
asnation	72.50	
Atdim	1678	-8.0
Binyan	88172	-10.0
Hanan	2075	-10.0
Mivtsp	114.50	-0.4
MinMK31		
Optima	844	-7.5
Regent1	288	-3.6
Yiskun	1285.50	-1.9

Oil Exploration

Name	Price	%chg
DelekEn1	2484	-5.0
Naphtha	36.80	-10.0

Two-sided trading

Name	AFTERNOON Price	Change	%	Volume	MORNING Price	Change	%	Volume
buildpr	590	-6.7		50400	603	-8.8		23237
nacional	1468	-1.0		43200	1424	-4.0		24494
Abjac	36.1	-4.2		570000	37.7			635103
Adcenlin	558	-1.2		15000	559	-1.1		40350
Adacom	36.5				36.5			
Afris 0.	409549	-3.0		224	405326	-4.0		195
Afrter	388197	-3.2		100	386180	-4.0		133
Agan	4086	-0.7		18400	4117			7210
Agis	2209	-2.0		18400	2209	-2.0		5591
Aryt	487	-7.2		25200	488	-7.0		23224
Avner	8.3	-2.5		1440000	8.2	-3.5		1030459
Azorim	4104	-0.7		33600	4063	-1.7		4820
ALPM	13948	-0.5		2180	13738	-2.0		1978
Bezek	514	-2.5		495000	513	-2.7		170095
Boulo	238	-8.0		16500	236	-8.9		35331
Cables	1701	2.2		57000	1676	0.7		34452
Clal Ele	31136			3645	30513	-2.0		3027
Clal Tra	1044	-0.2		98000	1026	-2.0		28427
Clal 10	8714	-0.5		25380	8583	-2.0		2853
Clalins	1379	-2.7		54900	1375	-3.0		30025
Clalsr 5	2124	-3.0		12000	2124	-3.0		7252
Clinds	1854	-0.7		154400	1845	-1.2		17608
CohenDev	650	-10.0		7500	650	-10.0		
Danbar 5	2130	-5.5		6300	2141	-5.0		7253
Dead Sea	1201	-2.0		76500	1201	-2.0		38909
Delek	8007	1.0		25200	7928			8027
Discinv	22376	-1.0		31570	22432	-0.8		2433
Elbit	22387	-2.0		9450	22216	-2.7		2589
Elco	9033	-1.0		3840	8942	-2.0		2704
Elite 5	1509	-1.7		60000	1486	-2.5		30145
Elron	9170	-3.2		6750	9217	-2.8		5134
Evergr n	2344	-4.0		13000	2405	-1.5		18182
Export	1582	-2.0		10400	1574	-2.5		2750
Fibl	42429			2590	42429			776
Formula	1193	-3.7		4000	1196	-3.5		8500
Frstint1	32270	-2.5		1850	32021	-3.3		585
Frstint5	30734	-1.0		5630	30578	-1.5		650
Frutarom	1075	5.2		84000	1031	1.0		60942
Gehelat	6008	-1.2		400	6008	-1.2		2816
Granit	487	-1.0		109000	492			13647
Hapoalim	418	-0.7		575000	413	-1.9		122958
Hapolim	8713	-1.7		10500	8602	-3.0		10681
IndBldg	407			988000	405	-0.5		56424
IndDevBK	27385	-7.0		350	27218	-7.5		639
Isramco	11.4	-10.0		18560000	11.4	-10.2		3683523
IsrCorp1	23939	0.7		7020	23761			2034
IsrCorp5	22317	-2.5		975	22260	-2.7		1097
IsChem	237	-2.0		568000	236	-2.5		213688
IDB	1083	-1.0		378000	1078	-1.5		48028
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Bloom fails to pass Muster

HEATHER CHAIT

LOCAL rackets had a tough time yesterday with four of five crashing out of the Joyce Eisenberg Israel Open in Ramat Hasharon.

Seventeen-year-old Yoni Erlich was the only local player to advance to the second round when he downed the more favored Eyal Erlich 6-3, 3-6, 6-4.

Other Israelis exiting the tournament were Gilad Bloom, Eyal Ran and Ofer Sela.

More than half the action in the Bloom/Thomas Muster match was spent off court as lightning and torrential rains stopped play in the first set with third-seed Muster leading 4-3.

After the delay, Muster's eagerness to seize the match was manifested. He broke Bloom's serve immediately and sealed the first set with an ace in a matter of minutes.

Both players stayed at the baseline relying on protracted rallies and devastating groundstrokes.

Muster's buoyant energy propelled him into the next set although Bloom broke back and took a 4-1 lead.

From here on Bloom's concentration deserted him while Muster stormed through, winning five successive games to finish the job 6-3, 6-4.

Muster's energetic pace continued off court after the game. "I'm really looking forward to doing something productive in Tel Aviv," he said.

Bloom was subdued but not despondent. "We both played tennis of a high standard and I feel fine overall," commented Bloom, whose loss marks the first time he exits the tournament in the first round.

Aware of the intense pressure on Davis Cup player Eyal Erlich to live up to his reputation, the athletic Yoni Erlich kept the game in his control, never allowing Eyal to settle down. Yoni broke Eyal's serve in the second game of the first set and capitalized on the advantage to clinch the set in just 30 minutes.

Eyal had the upper hand in the second set, hanging onto his break in the eighth game for the set.

In the deciding set, Yoni shot to a commanding 5-2 lead, was brought back to 5-4, but Yoni was too solid for Eyal and broke in the final game to take the set.

Eyal Ran (220 in the ATP rankings) produced scintillating tennis against the eighth seed Jonas Bjorkman from Sweden (55), losing both sets in the tiebreak 7-6 (5), 7-6(8).

Bjorkman eased by Ran to an early 3-1 lead, breaking Ran in the fourth game. Ran broke back immediately and then held serve to level at 3-3.

At 5-5, Ran pulled off a stunning cross-court shot which, followed by Bjorkman's next failed volley, gave Ran the edge at 6-5.

But Bjorkman was not to be quelled. He evened at 6-6 and grabbed the tiebreak 7-5.

The second set was marked by breaks by both players with Bjorkman keeping the pressure on the less experienced Ran.

In the second tiebreak, Ran held a 5-2 advantage but Bjorkman, playing typical Swedish tennis with a strong, deep forehand and endless patience, crept back to level at 6-6 and then usurped the tiebreak 8-6.

Ran was satisfied with his play, saying "He won on the critical points but my game was more aggressive than usual."

Ofer Sela (322) met his match in Vince Spadea (99) of the US, losing 6-3, 7-5 in 1½ hours.

Sela's backhand failed him in the first set and Spadea took his opportunities, breaking at 3-1 and 5-1.

The second set was more balanced but at 5-5, Spadea broke serve and continued to close the set.

Other results: Christian Saceanu (Germany) beat Jan Apell (Sweden) 6-4, 4-6, 6-3 and Christian Bergstrom (Sweden) stopped Jordi Burillo (Spain) 6-3, 6-2.

The match between Wayne Ferreira (South Africa) and Francisco Roig (Spain) was postponed until today.



IN THE LIONS' DEN – San Francisco QB Steve Young grimaces under a trio of Detroit Defenders. Young left the game briefly after the play. (AP)

49ers capitalize on Lions' penalties for 27-21 win

PONTIAC (AP) – The San Francisco 49ers rallied from an early Detroit surge to beat the Lions 27-21 on Sunday.

It looked like the Lions, who had lost two straight since beating Dallas, were in control, having scored on their first two possessions.

A slow start was the last thing the 49ers, coming off a 40-8 embarrassment by Philadelphia, wanted. But they capitalized on a *crop of Detroit penalties to score* two quick touchdowns and tie the score at halftime.

"Nothing is easy for us right now, but we're hanging in there," 49ers quarterback Steve Young said. "It's not easy being down 14-0 on the road, but we've got some guys on the team who have been around a long time. We knew that we didn't need to scream and panic. We just had to get going."

The Lions were penalized 12 times for 101 yards. Five of the *penalties were against their special* teams.

"We got a lot of our penalties in the kicking game, and that's something I have to look into," Lions coach Wayne Fontes said.

Young hit 19 of 25 passes for 152 yards, including a 5-yard TD pass to Nate Singleton.

Floyd carried eight times for 35 yards and caught five passes for 43 yards.

"Taking away the deep ball is their game," Young said. "We had the short stuff and they gave us runs up the middle, which William took advantage of."

Eagles 21, Redskins 17

Rookie Chadie Garner had his second 100-yard *game in two weeks, rushing* for 122 yards on 28 carries as host Philadelphia won its fourth in a row.

The Redskins drove to the Eagles' 33 late in the game, but Heath Shuler's third-and-10 pass was intercepted by Greg Jackson at the 3 with 47 seconds remaining.

Broncos 16, Seattle 9

Visiting Denver broke a seven-game losing streak dating to last season, leaving Cincinnati as the NFL's only winless team.

John Elway scored on a short run, and Jason Elam kicked three field goals.

Chargers 20, Chiefs 6

Natrone Means ran for a career-high 125 yards and one touchdown on 19 carries as host San Diego remained the NFL's only undefeated team.

The Chiefs have lost two straight games for the first time since Montana *moved over last season from San* Francisco.

Cowboys 38, Cardinals 3

Emmitt Smith scored twice and Troy Aikman threw two touchdown passes.

The Cowboys rocked the Cardinals with four touchdowns in the first half, *three of them following interceptions* of Jay Schroeder by the NFL's best defense.

Raiders 21, Patriots 17

Cornerback Terry McDaniel returned an interception for a touchdown, and his second of three pickoffs set up the deciding score as visiting Los Angeles stopped New England's three-game winning streak.

Bledsoe, who entered the game as the league's passing leader, threw for 321 yards, but his three interceptions were costly for New England.

Bears 17, Saints 7

Steve Walsh played his third straight game in place of the injured Erik Kramer and remained unbeaten as host Chicago's starting quarterback.

Walsh *directed two* long second-half scoring drives, completing 16 of 26 passes for 174 yards. Lewis Tillman rushed for 100 yards and a touchdown for the Bears.

Packers 24, Rams 17

Reggie White and the rest of host Green Bay's defense held Jerome Bettis, the NFL's No. 2 rusher, to 65 yards rushing on 22 carries as the Packers came from behind to win.

The Rams led 17-3 at halftime before Green Bay scored 21 straight points in the second half.

Bills 21, Dolphins 11

Thurman Thomas ran for two touchdowns as host Buffalo moved into a first-place tie with the Dolphins in the AFC East.

Thomas, who sat out last week with a sprained knee so he would be ready for the Dolphins, ran 31 times for 125 yards – his fourth consecutive game with more than 100 rushing yards.

Jets 16, Colts 6

New York snapped a five-year home losing streak against Indianapolis (2-4) in a game marked by fumbles, penalties and interceptions.

Backup *running* back Adrian Murrell keyed the decisive scoring drive late in the final quarter with a 19-yard run, and Boomer Esiason hit Johnny Mitchell with a 1-yard TD pass for the Jets' first TD against the Colts in three years.

Nick Lowery kicked three field goals.

Falcons 34, Buccaneers 13

Ironhead Heyward scored two touchdowns in his first start of the season, and Vinnie Clark returned interceptions 74 and 21 yards in host Atlanta's third straight win.

Jeff George threw two touchdowns passes. Heyward rushed for 87 yards and a pair of touchdowns as Atlanta took a 24-0 lead late in the first half.

AMERICAN CONFERENCE

East	W	L	T	Pct.	Pf	Pa
Buffalo	4	2	0	.667	117	116
Miami	4	2	0	.667	160	129
New England	3	3	0	.500	158	159
N.Y. Jets	3	3	0	.500	92	105
Indianapolis	2	4	0	.333	113	128
Central						
Cleveland	4	1	0	.800	116	58
Pittsburgh	3	2	0	.600	100	101
Houston	1	4	0	.200	79	123
Cincinnati	0	5	0	.000	78	129
West						
San Diego	5	0	0	1.000	134	84
Kansas City	3	2	0	.600	90	80
Seattle	3	3	0	.500	139	86
LA Raiders	2	3	0	.400	116	141
Denver	1	4	0	.200	108	146

NATIONAL CONFERENCE

East	W	L	T	Pct.	Pf	Pa
Dallas	4	1	0	.800	135	58
Philadelphia	4	1	0	.800	127	82
N.Y. Giants	3	1	0	.750	101	90
Arizona	1	4	0	.200	49	111
Washington	1	5	0	.167	112	165
Central						
Chicago	4	2	0	.667	113	105
Minnesota	3	2	0	.600	107	85
Green Bay	3	3	0	.500	107	84
Detroit	2	4	0	.333	108	129
Tampa Bay	2	4	0	.333	80	118
West						
Atlanta	4	2	0	.667	138	112
San Francisco	4	2	0	.667	154	131
LA Rams	2	4	0	.333	84	109
New Orleans	2	4	0	.333	97	138

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NY Jets 16, Indianapolis 6
Green Bay 24, LA Rams 17
Buffalo 21, Miami 11
Chicago 17, New Orleans 7
San Francisco 27, Detroit 21
Atlanta 34, Tampa Bay 13
Dallas 38, Arizona 3
Denver 16, Seattle 9
San Diego 20, Kansas City 6
LA Raiders 21, New England 17
Philadelphia 21, Washington 17
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LAST NIGHT: Minnesota at NY Giants

Holon beats Hapoel TA

JOEL GORDIN

AFTER three National Basketball league defeats in succession, hosts Hapoel Holon chalked up a much-needed 94-81 victory over Hapoel Tel Aviv last night in the final game of the sixth round. Holon and Tel Aviv are now even in the standings with 3-3 marks.

Tel Aviv coach Zvi Sherf opened with Milton Wagner in the playmaker slot, filling in for the injured Gilad Katz. Despite Wagner's obvious lack of speed in the vital role, Tel Aviv held a three-point advantage for most of the early going.

Many of their points were scored after fastbreaks, as a result of Holon's inability to mount an effective defense. But it was excellent shooting by David Thirdkill which kept Holon in the game and eventually took them to a slight 43-41 halftime advantage.

In the second half, it was all Holon and the name of their game was Adi Gordon. The mercurial, diminutive former Hapoel Jerusalem and national team star showed why he was once rated the best Israeli player in the league. He finally found the form he had before he was struck by illness which dogged him throughout last season. He ran rings around the Tel Aviv defense to score 24 points, pins nine assists.

Thirdkill led Holon with 31 points.

The picture on the other side of the court is not so rosy, however. Tel Aviv suffered its third loss in succession (two in the league, one to PAOK Saloniki in the European Club Championships).

Tel Aviv's bright spot was Buck Johnson's 35 points. Wagner, when he could get out of Thirdkill's clutches, sank 21.

National Basketball League

	W	L	Pts.
1. Maccabi Rishon	6	0	12
2. Maccabi Tel Aviv	5	1	11
3. Bnei Herzliya	4	2	10
Hapoel Galil Elyon	4	2	10
Maccabi Ramat Gan	4	2	10
Hapoel Eilat	4	2	10
7. Hapoel Tel Aviv	3	3	9
Hapoel Jerusalem	3	3	9
Hapoel Holon	3	3	9
10. Hapoel Givat	2	4	8
Maccabi Jerusalem	2	4	8
12. Hapoel Haifa	1	5	7
Hapoel Givatayim	1	5	7
14. Beitar Ramat Gan	0	6	6

Nat'l team takes on Slovakia

ORI LEWIS

THE national soccer side has a great incentive when they take on Slovakia in the European Nations' Championship qualifier in Ramat Gan tomorrow. They know that a win will put them two points clear of the field in Group 1, and a good chance of staying in the running for a place in the 1996 finals in England.

But incentives will not be enough to win, as the Slovakian side, which arrived from Bratislava yesterday, is no pushover and a result similar to that which Israel produced against Poland last month will be much harder to attain.

Israel coach Shlomo Scharf has declared his intention to keep to the winning side which produced that 2-1 victory. He must hope that all the players will be fully fit, however.

Tal Banin, Ronnen Harazi (scorer of both Israel's goals against the Poles), captain Nir Klinger and Avi Nimni all had niggling injuries but are expected to be named in the line-up for tomorrow's match which kicks off at 18:00.

Morale is high in the Israel camp for the match, but the Slovak side, which is new to the international arena with only nine matches in the record books since its newfound independence. The first match was a 1-0 victory over the UAE earlier this year.

Coach Jozef Venglos will lead a side comprised mainly of players from Slovak champions Slovan Bratislava. Captain Lubomir Moravcik, 29, of France's St. Etienne is the side's most experienced player with 46 caps.

Preceding tomorrow's match is Israel's under-21 side's match against its Slovak counterpart. That match kicks off at Ashdod this afternoon at 16:00.

Scharf's expected lineup is: Bonnie Ginsburg, Marco Balbul, Nir Klinger (capt.), Alon Harazi, Moshe Glam, Tal Banin, Alon Hazan, Eyal Berkowitz, Haim Revivo, Ronnie Rosenthal and Ronnen Harazi.

In other news, Maccabi Tel Aviv coach Avraham Grant resigned over the weekend but then changed his mind.

Grant was apparently upset over interference of the club's management in coaching issues and he decided to make his point of view absolutely clear. The Maccabi coach refused to comment on the matter, but technical director Emmanuel Ophir told Israel Radio last night that the "misunderstanding" had been cleared up.

Tomorrow is High Noon for NHL

NEW YORK (AP) – So far, 49 games have been postponed because of the National Hockey League labor strife. How many more days before games will be lost for good?

Many agree tomorrow will be D-Day for the NHL – Decision Day as far as considering an abbreviated schedule.

"They'll probably have to come to an agreement by the middle of the week (in order for the NHL to salvage the entire 84-game schedule)," Jack Ferreira, general manager of the Mighty Ducks of Anaheim, said. "The guys have to be skating for a couple of days (to be in game-ready shape)."

But the league may have already reached the point of no return in trying to salvage the entire season.

Negotiators weren't expected to meet before yesterday, at the very least. The NHL Players Association worked through the weekend to have a new contract proposal ready for the NHL.

The league has to consider it today when NHL commissioner Gary Bettman meets with the board of governors in New York. It will take some time for the 26 governors to talk about the union's proposal, which is expected to be the most complex so far.

In their meeting today, the NHL governors will undoubtedly also be talking about the viability of playing on October 15, Bettman's target date to restart the season so that an entire schedule can be played.

Bettman had postponed the original October. 1 start of the season for two weeks in the hopes that a new labor agreement could be worked out. However, Bettman has said the season could start on October 15 if there is "meaningful" movement toward a contract settlement.

As for the reality of starting on that day:

Players are scattered across North America; some have even gone back to Europe to be with their families. The logistics alone of reassembling teams becomes more difficult as the negotiators head toward Bettman's re-start date.

Another problem: How quickly can players get ready to play?

Randy Ladouceur, the Ducks' captain, said he could start the season on a day's notice, but added that his timing would be off, but he didn't hold out much hope for a quick settlement.

"From what I've heard, I'm not optimistic about getting in an 84-game schedule. It's getting to be crunch time."

Bob Goodenow, executive director of the NHLPA, was in Toronto on Sunday putting the finishing touches on the union's latest contract proposal to the NHL.

The main focus of the stalemated talks thus far is how revenue might be divided to help small-market teams. Both sides have offered tax proposals to provide money for those teams.

Gudker shines for Beersheba

Post Sports Staff

BEERSHEBA won its first ever cricket trophy, beating Lod in the section B final in Ashdod on Saturday. The trophy is named in memory of Ben Abrahams, the founder of Israeli cricket.

The star performer for the victors was Naor Gudker who took 5/39 in addition to a quick 18 in four balls as his side hit out at the end.

In other action, Ashdod A qualified for the league final for the third straight year when they defeated Netanya.

Beersheba 214/7 (Moshe Yafet 47, Sulamon Cohen 36, George Sheader 31, Yacob Levy 3/22) beat Lod 156 (Eldad Kasookar 47, Solomon Waskar 46, Naor Gudker 5/39)

Ashdod A 136 (Gershon Waskar 32, Mike Jacobs 5/22) beat Netanya (Adrian Vard 30, Gershon Waskar 6/26)

Bowlers leave for S. Africa

SAM SKUDOWITZ

THE national bowls team leaves today for South Africa to play two Test matches against the hosts and a further two against designated Maccabi teams.

The men's team consists of Cecil Bransky, Jeff Rabkin, Lawrence Mendelsohn, Chaim Miller and Len Averbuch. In 1992 at Worthing, England, Israel beat South Africa in the final to win the world triples gold medal.

The women's team of Maureen Hirschowitz, Molly Skudowitz, Pnina Gelbgisser, Merle Swerdlow and Renee Kusman will have their hands full against a team which recently won fours gold at the Commonwealth Games.

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Cancer claims NYC Marathon creator

NEW YORK (AP) – Fred Lebow, a pioneer in the running boom of the 1970s who built the New York City Marathon from a run in the park to an international event watched by millions, died Sunday after a second bout with brain cancer. He was 62.

Lebow died at his Manhattan home and had been treated as an out-patient at Memorial Sloan-Kettering. He was first diagnosed with brain cancer in 1990. The following year, he underwent surgery for thyroid cancer.

At one point, he was told he had six months to live. But he rallied, the disease went into remission and he completed the 1992 NYC Marathon to the cheers of thousands.

"I think I'm the healthiest cancer patient they've ever had," he said.

The cancer recurred early this year.

"In running, it doesn't matter whether you come in first, in the middle of the pack or last," he said. "You can say, 'I have finished.' There is a lot of satisfaction in that."

Allan Steinfeld, president of the New York Road Runners Club, said a tribute is planned at the marathon finish line in Central Park tomorrow.

He said staff, board members, sponsors, city officials and volunteers will join hands and cross the finish line together in a "symbolic promise to carry on Fred's dream, the five-borough New York City Marathon, far into the future."

The 25th NYC Marathon is November 6.

"We are prepared and committed to continue the rich legacy of Fred's ideals, promoting health, fitness, competition and community service," Steinfeld said. "Fred has left a grand heritage, and we will honor his memory by promoting his goals and realizing his visions."

Lebow first started running to improve his stamina for tennis. The love of tennis eventually gave way to the love of running.



MARATHON MAN – Fred Lebow turned the NYC Marathon into an internationally renowned event. (AP)

He founded the NYC Marathon in 1970. The first race, a four-loop circuit around Central Park attracted only 127 runners. Lebow placed 45th out of the 55 finishers.

Tom Fleming, who won the NYC Marathon in 1973 and 1975, said Lebow persisted in his bid for a race through all five borough of New York, and city officials finally relented.

Now the race attracts more than 25,000 runners, and many thousands more are turned away. It is one of the biggest and most popular marathons on the international circuit, and at times has been watched by millions of New Yorkers lining the streets.

"The marathon is a charismatic event," Lebow said. "It has everything. It has drama. It has competition. It has camaraderie. It has heroism. Every jogger can't dream of being an Olympic champion, but he can dream of finishing a marathon," Fleming said.

Bearded and slightly built, Lebow ran marathons all over the world, but in his hometown race largely stayed out of the competition, concentrating on organizational tasks.

He dropped out of the second marathon and didn't compete again until 1992, when he doggedly completed the 42.2 kilometers (26 miles, 385 yards) side-by-side with nine-time women's winner Grete Waitz, who slowed her pace to be with him.

When he crossed the finish line, in 5 hours, 32 minutes, 35 seconds, "New York, New York," blared over loudspeakers and the crowd gave him a long standing ovation.

"I never realized a marathon could be this long," the gasping Lebow said.

"Grete was hurting from running so slow, while I was hurting just from running."

Lebow also built the New York Road Runners Club from 270 members in 1972 to the largest organization of its kind in the world with more than 28,000 members. The club organizes more than 120 events a year, including community service programs.

He also started the Advil Mini-Marathon, the first women-only long distance event and now the world's largest with more than 7,500 runners, and other competitions, including a run up the stairs of the Empire State Building.

Lebow was born in Transylvania, Romania. He spent much time in Ireland, Czechoslovakia and several other European countries before coming to the United States. After moving to New York, he became successful in the textile and garment industry.

In 1979, he gave up the garment industry and became affiliated with the New York Road Runners Club full-time. The club consumed him, and he devoted long hours to building it and promoting the sports of road racing and track and field.

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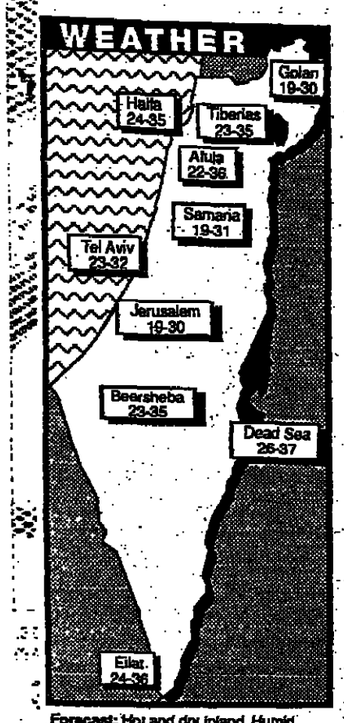
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Amsterdam	04	39	16	61	clear
Berlin	03	37	11	52	cloudy
Buenos Aires	17	62	23	73	cloudy
Cairo	20	68	32	90	clear
Chicago	07	45	14	57	clear
Copenhagen	-01	31	13	55	cloudy
Frankfort	00	32	14	57	clear
Geneva	01	33	18	64	cloudy
Helsinki	08	46	10	49	rain
Hong Kong	25	77	31	88	clear
Johang	09	48	24	75	clear
Lisbon	15	61	25	77	cloudy
London	09	48	18	64	clear
Los Angeles	21	71	37	99	cloudy
Madrid	13	55	26	79	rain
Montreal	11	52	21	70	cloudy
Moscow	04	39	17	63	clear
New York	11	52	23	74	clear
Paris	02	36	18	64	clear

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TEL AVIV

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CRITIC'S CHOICE

ENGLISH THEATER

HELEN KAYE

PEOPLE don't communicate is the message from Albee's drama *The Zoo Story*, and they have a terrible time understanding each other in Chekhov's hilarious *The Marriage Proposal*. JEST presents these two one-act plays at the Jerusalem Theater tonight and tomorrow at 8.

FESTIVAL

HELEN KAYE

PRAGUE in Jerusalem continues with a performance of a bit of the absurd for grownups from Klepl's Marionette Theater at the Jerusalem Khan Theater, *while down the road a bit, in St.* Andrews Church there's a recital of music by Smetana, Mozart and Brahms from the nine-year-old Stamic Quartet. Both performances are at 8:30 p.m. Prague's fusion-jazz topliners, the five-member Hot Line led by Jan Hala on keyboards, plays at the Pargod Theater at 9:30 p.m.



Gigi Caciuleanu's gripping 'Acto' is performed by the Bat-Dor Dance Company.

CLASSICAL MUSIC

MICHAEL AJZENSTADT

TONIGHT is your last chance to enjoy the Ra'anana Symphonette's opening concert program. Yeruham Scharovsky leads his young orchestra with spirit, and it has responded with its best playing ever. De Falla's *The Three Cornered Hat* includes an extra lively visual-theatrical dimension by the Yoram Boker Mime Group. Also on the program is Dvorak's Seventh Symphony. It beings at 8:30 in the Tel Aviv Museum.

The Jerusalem Music Center season opens at 8:30 tonight with the first evening in a series entitled *The Mystics, the Exotic, the Erotic and a Lot of Good Taste*, presented by Dr. Tomer Lev. The first program is devoted to Debussy. Michal Tal and Naomi Lev are the pianists, and Emanuel Halperin narrates.

The second International Seminar of Contemporary Chamber Music continues through Thursday at the Hed Music Center in Yehud. Today, there is young composers' forum at 4, a session devoted to the music of Finland's Einojuhani Rautavaara at 6, and a roundtable discussion at 8.

DANCE

MICHAEL AJZENSTADT

THE Bat-Dor Dance Company, tonight at 8:30 in its home theater, presents a mixed program featuring Gigi Caciuleanu's gripping, contemplative study of human love, *Acto*. Also on the program are Judith Jamison's *Forgotten Time* and Joe Orlando's *Spirits of the Drum*, which is like a high school dance, all moving and shaking with very little substance.

TELEVISION

RUTH KERN

THOSE who remember being entranced by the *miniature family – and we don't mean small as in* 1.3 kids – portrayed in Mary Norton's classic *The Borrowers* and want to share the experiences with their own children, try Part 2 of the BBC series by the same name on Channel 1 at 5:30 p.m.

Kids are also at the center of Channel 1's new sitcom, *All's Chaos in the Family*. The premise – a *widower, a nanny and three presumably adorable* children – sounds suspiciously Hollywood. But, then again, so much of Israeli culture these days is a pale imitation of an American model. Check it out at 7:30 p.m.

Speaking of imitations and Hollywood, the inimitable Alfred Hitchcock is better known to mass *audiences for his work in Tinseltown than for his* early British films. Grab a chance to see his very first talkie, *Blackmail*, vintage 1929, on Second Showing at midnight.

It may drop names like Max Brod and Franz Kafka, but at its cheesy heart *Milena* is just another slick miniseries about the trials of a spunky *heroine in period costume. Once you get past the* disappointment, it's colorful fun. Part 3 is on Channel 1 at 11:35 p.m.

CINEMA

JERUSALEM CINEMATHEQUE In the Name of the Father 7 ★ Go Fish 9:30 ★ The Confession, The Crumb 9:30 G.G. GIL Jerusalem Mall (Malha) ☎ 788448 *Clear and Present Danger* 1, 4, 7, 10 ★ Forrest Gump 1, 4, 7, 9:45 ★ True Romance 1, 5, 7:15, 9:45 ★ Reality Bites 1, 4:30, 7:30, 9:45 ★ Natural Born Killers 1, 5, 7:30, 10 ★ My Life 1, 5, 7:15, 9:30 ★ True Lies 1, 4, 7, 9:45 ★ The Client 1, 4:30, 7, 9:30 JERUSALEM THEATER Burnt Sun 6:45, 9:30 ORION Angel of Desire 5, 7:30, 9:30 ★ Schindler's List 5, *8:15* ★ *In the Name of the Father* 5, 7:15, 9:30 ★ Ace Ventura•Beverly Hills Cops 5, 7:30, 9:30 RAV CHEN 1-7 ☎ 792799 Credit Card Reservations ☎ 794477 Rav-Mecher Building, 19 Ha'oman St., Talpiot The Lion King (English dialogue) 7:30, 9:45 ★ The Lion King (Hebrew dialogue) 5 ★ Four Weddings and a Funeral 5, 7:30, 9:45 ★ Speed 7:15, 9:45 ★ When a Man *Loves a Woman* 4:45, 7:15, 9:45 ★ Short Cuts 5:30, 9 ★ A Bronx Tale 9:45 ★ The Mask 5, 7:30, 9:45 ★ Wolf 4:45, 7:15, 9:45 ★ Baby's Day Out 5 RON 1-2 ☎ 234704 1 Rabbi Akiva St. The Wolf•Speed 5, 7:15, 9:30

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RAV-CHEN☎ 5282288* Dizengoff Center When a Man Loves a Woman 5, 7:15, 9:45 ★ The Lion King (English dialogue) 7:30, 9:45 ★ The Lion King (Hebrew dialogue) 5 ★ Speed 11:30 a.m., 2:30, 5, 7:30, 9:45 ★ Baby's Day Out 5, 7:30, 9:45 ★ The Mask 11:30 a.m., 2:30, 5, 7:30, 9:45 ★ DEKEL ☎ 5443200 94 Yehuda Hamaccabi St. Wolf 7:15, 9:30 DIZENGOFF 1-3 ☎ 200485 Dizengoff Center True Romance 11 a.m., 1, 3, 5:15, 7:30, 9:45 ★ Rouge 3, *9:45* ★ *Bleu* 1, 7:30 ★ *Blanc* 11 a.m., 5:15 ★ Baraka 11 a.m., 3, 5:15, 7:30, 9:45 ★ Dangerous Woman 1 DRIVE IN The Flintstones 10; Sex Film 12 midnight GAT ☎ 6967888* 26 Ibn Gabirol St. Four Weddings and a Funeral 4:45, 7:15, 9:45 GORDON ☎ 5236992 87 Ben Yehuda St. The Woman Who Made Sesame Oil 5, 6:30 ★ Orlando 7, 10:15 HAKOLNOA ZOA HOUSE ☎ 6959341 26 Ibn Gabirol St. G.G. HOD 1-4 ☎ 5228090 Hod Passage, 101 Dizengoff St. Forrest Gump 1:30, 4:30, 7:15, 10 ★ The Client 1:30, 4:30, 7:15, 10 ★ Reality Bites 10 ★ My Life 1:30, 5, 7:30, *10 LEV 1-4* ☎ *5288288 Natural Born Killers* 12, 2:15, 4:45, 7:30, 10 ★ Raining Stones 12:15, 2, 5, 7:45, 10 ★ Go Fish 12, 4:30, 6:15 ★ Naked 12, 2, 7:30, 10 ★ North 5 MAXIM Dribi's Brother 7:30, 9:30 RAV-OR 1-5 ☎ 5102674* Opera House Serial Mom•The Mask 5, 7:30, 9:45 ★ Shadowlands 9:45 ★ Short Cuts 5:30, 9 ★ A Bronx Tale 5, 7:15, 9:45 ★ Baby's Day Out 5, 7:30 G.G. SHAHAF 1-2 ☎ 5271645 Kikar Namir Forrest Gump•Clear and Present Danger 4:30, 7:15, 10:15 G.G. TAYELET 1-3 ☎ 5177952 2 Yona Hanavi St. The Client 4:30, 7:15, 10 ★ Reality *Bites 5, 7:15, 10 G.G. TEL AVIV* ☎ 5281181 65 Pinsker St. Clear and Present Danger•True Lies 4:30, 7:15, 10 ★ The Client 4:30, 7:30, 10 TEL AVIV MUSEUM ☎ 6961297 27 Shaul Hamelekh Boulevard Nani Moretti's Diary 5, 7:45, 10 ZAFON☎ 5443966 18 Louis Marshall St. Burnt Sun 4, 7, 9:45

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CINEMA CAFÉ AMAMI ☎ 325755 In the Name of the Father 7, 9:15 ★ Rouge 7:15, 9:15 ATZMON 1-5 ☎ 673003 Clear and Present Danger•True Lies 4:15, 6:45, 9:15 ★ Forrest Gump 4:15, 6:45, 9:15 ★ True Romance•The Client 4:30, 7, 9:15 CINEMA CAFÉ MORIAH ☎ 242477 Nani Moretti's Diary 7:30, 9:30 ORLY Short Cuts *5:30, 9 PANORAMA 1-3* ☎ 382020 Reality Bites•Natural Born Killers 4:30, 7, 9:30 ★ Burnt Sun 4:15, 6:45, 9:15 RAV-GAT 1-2 ☎ 674311 Four Weddings and a Funeral 4:30, 7, 9:15 ★ Wolf 4:30, 7, 9:30 RAV-MOR 1-7 ☎ 416899/8 Speed•Four Weddings and a Funeral 7, 9:30 ★ The Lion King (English dialogue) 7, 9:30 ★ The Lion King (Hebrew dialogue) 5 ★ When a Man Loves a Woman•Wolf 4:30, 7, *9:30* ★ *A Bronx Tale 9:30* ★ Blank Check•Monkey Trouble•Iron Will 5, 7 ★ The Mask 5, 7, 9:30 RAV-OR 1-3 ☎ 246553 When a Man Loves a Woman 4:30, 7, 9:15 ★ Speed•The Lion King (English dialogue) 7, 9:15 ★ The Lion King (Hebrew dialogue) 5 ★ Baby's Day Out 5

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G.G. GIL When a Man Loves a Woman 4:45, 7:15, 10 ★ Clear and Present Danger 4:45, 7:15, 10 ★ The Client 5, 7:15, 10 ★ True Romance 4:45, 7:15, 10

ASHKELON

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RAV CHEN ☎ 5531077 The Client•When a Man Loves a Woman 5, 7:15, 9:45 ★ *Four Weddings and a Funeral 5,* 7:30, 9:45 ★ Clear and Present Danger 4:45, 7:15, 9:45 ★ Speed 9:45 ★ True Romance 9:45 ★ True Lies 4:30, 7 ★ Baby's Day Out 5, 7:15 ★ Wolf 4:45, 7:15, 9:45

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LEV 1-4 ☎ 343555 Clear and Present Danger 5, 7:15, 10 ★ Baby's Day Out 5 ★ The Client 7:15, 10 ★ Wolf 5, 7:15, 10 ★ Raining Stones 5, 7:30, 10

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KARMIEL

CINEMA 1-3 ☎ 887277 Beverly Hills Cop III•Wolf 7, 9:30 ★ When a Man Loves a Woman 9:30★ Baby's Day Out 7

KFAR SAVA

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KIRYAT BIALIK

G.G. KIRYON 1-9 ☎ 779166 The Client 4:45, 7, 9:30 ★ •True Lies•Clear and Present Danger•Speed 4:45, 7, 9:30 ★ Reality Bites 7, 9:30 ★ The Flintstones 4:45 ★ Getting Even With Dad•Blank Check 4:45 ★ True Romance 4:45, 7, 9:30 ★ The Lion King *4:45, 7* ★ *My Life week-days 7, 9:30* ★ *Natural Born Killers* 7, 9:30 ★ Forrest Gump 4:30, 6:45, 9:30

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OR YEHUDA

G.G. GIL *True Lies* 4:30, 7:15, 10 ★ The Mask•Speed•Iron Will 5, 7:30, 10

PETAH TIKVA

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PARK When a Man Loves a Woman•Clear and Present Danger•Wolf 7:30, 10 ★ The Lion King (Hebrew dialogue) 5 ★ Baby's Day Out 5 ★ Blank Check 5 ★ Speed 5, 7:30, 10 ★ *Forrest Gump* 4:30, 7:15, 10

RAMAT GAN

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KOKHAV ☎ *5491979 True Lies 9:30* ★ Shadowlands 7

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RISHON NEW IND. AREA

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G.G GIL ☎ 06-561332 Speed•Baby's Day Out•Iron Will 4:45, 7, 9:30 ★ Clear and Present Danger•Wolf 4:30, 7:15, 10 ★ The Mask 4:45, 7, 9:30 ★ The Client 4:45, 7, 9:30

TELEVISION

■ CHANNEL 1

6:30 News in Arabic **6:45** Cartoon **7:00** *Good Morning Israel*

■ EDUCATIONAL TV

8:00 The American Chronicles – documentary series looking at events from the end of WWI to the end of the 1960s **8:30** Literature **8:55** Arithmetic **9:25** Cartoons **9:35** Fable Land **9:40** Arabic stories **10:00** Family Relations **10:30** A Matter of Time **11:00** Science and Technology **11:20** Science **11:35** Candy Can Do It **12:00** Geography of the Land of *Israel* **12:20** *Science* **12:50** *Literature* of the World **13:10** Brad's Difficulties with his Studies **13:30** Keep Fit **14:05** The Mailman – cartoon **14:20** Cartoon **14:30** Secret Valley – adventure series **15:00** News program for children

■ CHANNEL 1

15:30 *Tom and Jerry* **16:00** *News update* **16:05** Eric – 11-year-old is transformed into a dog **16:30** Fish Police **17:00** A New Evening **17:30** The Borrowers – six-part drama series by the BBC based on Mary Norton's books. Simple story of love, friendship, danger and bravery with a miniature family living undetected by the "giants" who live *in the house* **18:00** Dangermouse – espionage series **18:15** News in English

ARABIC PROGRAMS

18:30 Apropos **19:00** News in Arabic

HEBREW PROGRAMS

19:30 All's Chaos in the Family – 13-part Israeli comedy about a widower with *three children who takes on a nanny who* causes chaos in the house to the pleasure of the children and displeasure of the father **20:00** Mabat **20:55** Live broadcast of Lotto results **21:00** Roseanne **21:30** A Second Look – investigative program **22:30** Entertainment with Yair Lapid **23:30** Late-night news **23:35** Milena (part 3)

■ CHANNEL 2

14:05 Power Video (rpt) **15:00** Flick Flack – street and puppet theater for children **16:00** The Bold and the Beautiful **16:55** News **17:00** The Eisenberg Tennis Tournament, live **19:00** Power Ranger – adventure **19:30** Who's the Boss **20:00** News **20:30** Wheel of Fortune **21:00** Candid Camera show with Yehuda Barkan **21:45** Film: Unlawful Entry – Thriller with Ray Liotta as a disturbed Los Angeles cop who befriends crime victims Kurt Russell and Madeline Stowe. The friendship with the wife, however, develops into an obsession (111 mins) **23:40** Gillette Sports Special **00:00** News

■ JORDAN TV (unofficial)

17:00 French programs **18:30** News in French **19:00** News in Hebrew **19:15** Nature of Things **20:00** News in Arabic **20:30** Leave it to Beaver **21:10** The Commish **22:00** News in English **22:20** Mini-series

■ MIDDLE EAST TV

14:00 700 Club **14:55** Film: The Destructors, starring Michael Caine, James Mason and Anthony Quinn **16:30** Mighty Mouse **16:55** Jonny Quest **17:20** Dangermouse **17:45** Flying House **18:10** Musical Artist Documentary **19:10** Rescue 911 **20:00** World News Tonight (Arabic) **20:30** CNN Headline News **21:00** America's Funniest Home Videos **21:30** Star Trek: The Next Generation **22:20** Babylon **23:10** 700 Club **00:00** Special Programs

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■ FAMILY CHANNEL (3)

8:00 Local broadcast **9:00** One Life to *Live* **9:45** *The Young and the Restless* **10:30** Guests in the Living Room **11:00** I Love Lucy **11:30** Antonella **12:15** Murphy Brown **12:45** Falcon Crest **13:30** Coach **14:00** Israeli Clips **14:10** Thirtysomething **15:00** Topaz **15:50** Knots Landing **16:40** Three's Company **17:05** Love Boat **17:50** Israeli Clips **18:05** One Life to Live **18:30** The Young and the *Restless* **19:30** *Local broadcast* **20:00** Antonella **20:50** Falcon Crest **21:40** Cheers **22:05** Seinfeld **22:35** Frasier **23:00** The Trials of Rosie O'Neill **23:50** Dear John **00:15** Cagney and Lacey **1:05** War of the Worlds

■ MOVIE CHANNEL (4)

10:30 *Never Never Land* (1980) (rpt) **11:55** Short movie **12:35** Comancheros (1961) – violent Western directed by Michael Curtiz (rpt) **14:25** Beethoven (1992) (rpt) **15:50** Special: *Forrest Gump* **16:00** The Summer My Father Grew Up (1991) (rpt) **17:30** One Against the Wind (1991) (rpt) **19:10** Les Visiteurs (1991) (rpt) **21:00** Magnum Force (1973) – Clint Eastwood plays Dirty Harry Callahan again, the tough San Francisco cop who this time tries to catch a colleague who is apparently blackmailing criminals. *Also starring Hal Holbrook, Ryan* Mitchell and David Soul. Directed by Ted Post (117 mins) **23:00** Man On Fire (1987) – action movie about a CIA agent sent to Italy to save a girl who's been kidnapped by a terrorist group. Starring Scott Glenn and Joe Pesci **00:30** To Kill For (1991) (rpt) **2:05** Streamers (1983) (rpt)

■ CHILDREN'S CHANNEL (6)

6:30 Cartoons **9:00** Cartoons **9:35** Wild West C.O.W. **10:00** Orson and Olivia **10:40** Teen Wolf **11:10** Baby Talk **11:40** Owl TV **12:20** Hillside **13:00** The Kids from Degrassi **13:30** Cartoons **14:05** Dreamstone **14:30** The Three Mouseketeers **15:10** Teen Wolf **15:40** Kappatoo **16:10** My Sister Sam **16:50** Beakman's World **17:30** The Kids from Degrassi **18:00** Cartoons **18:35** Wild West C.O.W **19:00** Orson and Olivia **19:30** *Neighbors* **19:55** *Married with* Children **20:20** The Simpsons **20:45** All in the Family **21:10** Hunter

■ SECOND SHOWING (6)

22:00 Rosencrantz and Guildenstern Are Dead (1990) – Tom Stoppard wrote and directed for cinema his play about two incidental characters from *Hamlet* who wander into a series of adventures in and around the castle. Great wordplay and musings on trivia and the meaning of life. Starring Gary Oldman and Tim *Roth (111 mins)* **00:00** *Blackmail (1929)* – Hitchcock's first talkie is a thriller about a young girl who kills a man in self-defense (81 mins)

■ DISCOVERY CHANNEL (8)

6:00 Open University: History **11:00** Marathon Monks **12:00** Real West **13:00** Equinox **14:00** Open University (rpt of morning's programs) **16:00** Marathon Monks **17:00** Real West **18:00** Open University (rpt of morning's programs) **20:00** Pacific Outdoors **20:30** In *Search Of* **21:00** *Before It's Too Late* **22:00** Americ Under Cover **23:00** Equinox **00:00** Open University

■ SUPER CHANNEL

7:00 UK Today **7:30** NBC News **8:00** ITN World News Live **8:15** Azimuths **8:30** UK Today **9:00** ITN World News **9:15** *Azimuths* **9:30** *Inside Edition* **10:00** Super Shop **11:00** Rolanda **12:00** Rivera **13:00** Today's Business **13:30** FT Business Today **14:00** Today **16:00** The Money Wheel **18:30** FT Business Tonight **19:00** Today **20:00** ITN World News Live **20:30** Executive Lifestyles **21:00** Entertainment X-Press **21:30** Dateline **22:30** Inside Edition **23:00** *ITN World News Live* **23:30** The Tonight Show with Jay Leno **00:30** Real Personal **1:00** FT Business Tonight **1:30** Nightly News with Tom Brokaw

■ STAR PLUS

6:00 The Sullivans **6:30** Neighbors **7:00** Santa Barbara **8:00** The Bold and the Beautiful **8:30** Donahue **9:30** Oprah Winfrey **10:30** Yan Can Cook **11:00** Wind in the Willows **11:30** Little Flying Bears **12:00** T-Bag **12:30** Crossbow **13:00** For Your Entertainment **13:30** *Neighbors* **14:00** M*A*S*H **14:30** Flying Doctors **15:30** Dynasty **16:30** The Bold and the Beautiful **17:00** Santa Barbara **18:00** The Wonder Years **18:30** Doogie Howser, M.D. **19:00** Moonlighting **20:00** M*A*S*H **20:30** For Your Entertainment **21:00** Neighbors **21:30** The Wonder Years **22:00** Doogie Howser, M.D. **22:30** Moonlighting **23:30** *Young Doctors* **00.30** For Your Entertainment

RADIO

■ VOICE OF MUSIC

6:06 *Waking to Music* **9:00** A. Forqueray: Suite no 5 in C minor for viola da gamba and basso continuo; Bach: Cantata no 78; C.P.E. Bach: Flute concerto in G;Haydn: String quartet in G op 3/20 (Mosaic Qt, period instruments) ±**10:45** D. Scarlatti: Harpsichord sonatas; Respighi: Suite no 2 of Ancient Airs and Dances; Mozart: Sonata in G for piano and violin K301 (Haskil, Grumiaux) ±**11:40** Beethoven: String quartet in E flat op 127 (Alban Berg); Bruckner: Te Deum; Ravel: Sonata for violin and cello; *Brahms: 2 songs for alto, viola and* piano op 91 ±**13:20** Bartok: Piano concerto no 1; Poulenc: Motet **14:05** Encore **16:00** From the World's Concert Halls – Berlin Symphony Orchestra. Vaughan Williams: The Lark Ascending; J. MacMillan: Concerto for percussion and orch; Dvorak: Symphony no 6 **18:00** From the Recording Studio – *Maria Danielson (soprano), Monica Gorlen* (piano). Songs by Scandinavian composers **19:05** Czerny: Fantasy no 1 on themes by Schubert for horn and piano; Cilea: Sonata in D for cello and piano op 38 (Heled, Zak); Dvorak: Bagatelles for string trio and harmonium op 47 **20:03** Palestrina Mirrored in his Time **21:00** A Matter of Agreement **23:00** Golden *Generation – Verdi's Otello* conducted by Arturo Toscanini, part 2

■ RADIO 1

6:06 *Hebrew songs* **7:00** News in English **7:15** News in French **7:30** Hebrew songs **8:05** Roots **9:05** Anything Goes **10:05** Teleradio **11:05** Hebrew songs **12:05** Land of Israel **13:00** News and program in *English* **13:30** *News and* program in French **14:05** Youth programs **15:05** Storytelling **16:05** In the Headlines **17:00** News in English **17:02** News in French **17:05** Voice of the Arts **18:05** Religious programs **20:00** Evening news **20:50** Bible portion **21:00** Hazanut **23:05** Hebrew songs

■ RADIO 2

6:06 This Morning – news **9:05** What We Had There **10:05** It's All Talk **12:05** Midday – news, commentary, music **14:05** Magic Moments **15:05** *Foreign* Affairs **15:45** Foreign Press **16:05** The Color of Money **17:05** Five After the News **18:05** Today – newsreel **19:05** Social Hour **20:05** Hebrew songs **21:05** News headlines **21:15** Matters which haven't hit the headlines **23:05** Middle of the Night **00:05** Midnight Magazine **00:30** Middle of the Night, continued **1:05** Tuesday *Night Club 5:05 First* Light

■ RADIO 3

Music all day and night

■ REKA

18:00 News in English **18:15** News in French **20:00** News in Russian

■ ARMY RADIO

5:02 *Good Morning IDF* **6:00** Announcements **6:30** University of the Air – Military Ethics **7:07** Seven-O-Seven **8:00** Good Morning Israel **9:05** It's Difficult in the Morning **10:05** Right Now **12:50** Today's Entertainment **13:00** Midday News **13:15** It's Uncertain **15:05** Someone to Talk To **16:00** An Hour Before **17:00** Good Evening Israel *18:05 Economics* **18:30** *End of the Day* **20:00** Evening news **20:30** The Heart of the Matter **21:05** Musical Interlude **22:05** Vitamins **23:05** This Was the Day **00:10** Night Birds **2:00** We Don't Want to Sleep

■ ARMY ON WHEELS

7:05 The State on the Way **9:05** Songs **10:05** Sun **12:05** Air Conditioning **13:05** Showers **14:05** Something for the Road **15:05** Program with Yoav Kutner **16:05** Driving Wisely **18:05** Program with Lea Oz **20:05** *Drive In* **22:05** Good Night

CRYPTIC CROSSWORD

ACROSS

1 Fear one loses in front of an audience presumably (9,6)
9 Mr Potter's business title? (9)
10 Clean scrap (5)
11 Led off with mare frolicking on green (7)
12 Although not licensed, I will take the item round Jersey and Guernsey etc (7)
13 Admit it is a topless dress (3)
14 Figure that no poor horse is performing (7)
17 *Could be a long party* included on the boat (7)
19 Rider, a witch with clothes back to front! (7)
22 *Graduates, in Mexican* pancake, have a hot pepper sauce (7)
24 River, one with a valley (3)
25 Left one by the miniature railway covered in foam (7)
26 Summons accountant who *eventually pulls round* (5,2)
28 In Louisiana, a fine eating place (5)
29 Remove entanglements from

Terror suspect Elba to be freed on bail

HERB KEINON

JERUSALEM District Court Judge Michaela Shidlowsky-Or decided yesterday to release Rabbi Ido Elba, widely cast in the media as the "spiritual leader" of an alleged Kiryat Arba-based terror underground, on NIS 10,000 bail.

The conditions of the release are that Elba stay with his brother in Dimona, and not have any connection with either those who appear on the list of witnesses to be called in his trial, or with Kiryat Arba residents who are not family members.

Elba will not be released for two days, however, to give the prosecution time to appeal.

Elba has been charged with incitement to racism, illegal possession and manufacturing of weapons, attempting to obtain classified information, and obstruction of justice.

Elba's lawyer, Naftali Wertzberger, said yesterday the decision is significant because the court has determined "that Elba is not dangerous to the public. He is not a dangerous terrorist who needs to be behind bars."

Of the 14 people arrested in the case, four are still in custody – Elba; brothers Eitan and Yehoyada Kahalani, accused of attempted murder; and Lt. Oren Edri, accused of illegally holding and transferring arms, revealing classified information, and conduct unbecoming that of an officer.

Meanwhile, Sephardi Chief Rabbi Eliahu Bakshi-Doron set a letter to Elba's family saying there are times in halachic discourse where issues are studied on a completely theoretical level, without any intent to put them into practice.

Bakshi-Doron was referring to a halachic pamphlet entitled "Clarification of the Halachot Pertaining to the Murder of Gentiles," in which Elba wrote that the injunction "Thou shalt not kill" is not applicable to a Jew who kills a Gentile.



Visiting Congalese President Pascal Lissouba is received by Knesset Speaker Shevah Weiss for tour of the plenum and Chagall Hall. (Isaac Harari)

Government bill would stiffen penalties for wiretapping

EVELYN GORDON

WIRETAPPING would be punishable by five years in prison, and a private investigator could lose his license for illegal eavesdropping, according to a bill discussed in the Knesset Law Committee yesterday.

The maximum sentence for wiretapping is currently three years, and the courts have no authority to take away an investigator's license.

The government-sponsored bill also expands the definition of wiretapping to include all electronic modes of communication, restricts police use of wiretapping to felony cases, requires annual publication of the number of wiretaps performed by the police, and extends the general ban on using illegal wiretaps as evidence to the rabbinical courts.

On the other hand, it permits illegal wiretaps to be used as evidence in certain cases, if the court approves. It permits eavesdropping on lawyers, clergymen, doctors, and psychologists – who previously could not be wiretapped at all – in murder, drug-related, or security cases, with prior approval by the attorney-general. It also allows wiretaps for the purpose of stopping security leaks on the sole approval of the prime minister, without a court order.

Several MKs and various interest groups expressed opposition to various parts of the bill.

Representatives of the Association of Private Investigation Firms are particularly incensed over the idea that the courts could deprive them of their licenses. There is a committee set up by law, headed by a retired judge, which already has this power, they argued, and this committee's decisions would be more uniform than those of the courts.

However, most of the MKs did not appear to accept this argument.

"You don't understand that there is a great outcry in this house against the type of crime some of you are committing," said committee chairman Dedi Zucker (Meretz).

"We're against wiretapping," protested association legal adviser Ya'acov Cohen.

"Then help us institute a penalty that's a penalty!" Zucker retorted.

Cohen and a representative of the Israel Bar Association also objected to some of the bill's limitations on wiretapping. If, for instance, a member of a company's board is suspected of leaking information to a competitor, or an unknown employee is running up thousands of shekels worth of phone bills, wiretapping should be permitted to uncover the truth, Cohen said.

"Who said privacy is the most important thing in the world?" he demanded.

In contrast, former justice minister Dan Meridor (Likud) and the Association of Civil Rights in Israel both protested that the bill does not go far enough in protecting privacy. Both, for instance, objected to wiretapping for security reasons requiring no more than the prime minister's say-so.

Meridor also attacked the idea of making illegal wiretaps acceptable evidence in some cases, saying this gives police an incentive to ignore proper procedure.

Policeman shoots his wife, then commits suicide

BILL HUTMAN

A POLICEMAN shot and critically wounded his wife, then killed himself late Sunday night in the Katamonim section of Jerusalem.

Kochava Fattal, 29, remained in critical condition at Hadassah-University Hospital, Ein Kerem, last night. Yishai Fattal, 32, was declared dead by Magen David Adom medics at their apartment. Investigators would only say the incident was sparked by "family problems," but noted that police had never received any complaints from the wife of abuse.

Neighbors rushed to the Fattal's Rehov Antigonos home after hearing shots there at around 11:30. They broke down the door to find Yishai in a pool of blood, his pistol under his body. His wife was found in an adjoining room.

The couple has two children, aged 4 and 7, who were at home at the time.

The incident marked the second time in two weeks a husband took a gun to his wife or ex-wife and then committed suicide. In both cases, the men used weapons issued by the police.

3 more shelters for battered women planned

Jerusalem Post Staff

LABOR and Social Affairs Minister Ora Namir yesterday announced plans to establish three more shelters for battered women, in light of the increase in incidents of violence against women.

The shelters, which are to be operational by the end of the year, will be established in Beersheba, in an area with a large Arab population, and another location that will be decided on in the next two weeks.

Namir called a special meeting yesterday to discuss the issue, as a result of the wave of domestic violence against women. Late Sunday night, a Jerusalem woman was shot and critically wounded by her husband.

The opening of the centers, said Namir, will substantially fortify the means to protect battered women in the country. The ministry's other centers are located in Jerusalem, Ashdod, Herzliya, Haifa, Hadera, and an Arab village in the north.

The existing centers have a capacity of 400 women and 650 children.

This year, the ministry has also established two "half-way houses" that have 11 apartments where 31 women can live.

In another development, MK Naomi Blumenthal told the Knesset Committee on the Status of Women that the Labor-Shas coalition agreement posed a danger to the country's women.

"Instead of strengthening the basic rights of women, laws which harm women are being strengthened," said Blumenthal (Likud).

Lawyers, academics, liberal religious groups and civil rights groups were invited to the committee meeting to express their opinions on the agreement, which obligates Labor to support legislation to circumvent High Court rulings on religious affairs.

Labor MK Yael Dayan said she would have to support the coalition agreement but would make every effort "to delay legislation which will harm the status of women and civil rights."

Namir: Training courses should target the right people

PRIORITY should be given to professional training for women, new immigrants, young people, and demobilized soldiers, Labor and Social Affairs Minister Ora Namir said yesterday.

At a meeting with the head of the ministry's Manpower Development and Vocational Training Department, Namir said these groups of people should be given assistance in learning trades that are in demand.

In the past, she said, the skills people learned in training courses were not really useful.

Namir, who appointed a new director for the department three months ago, said the branch has a negative image of simply handing out welfare payments to people taking outdated and useless courses.

The department, Namir said, will now examine the real needs of the economy and develop appropriate courses.

"This is the key to the department's future success," said Namir.

She said the ministry would hire a research institute to determine the exact manpower needs in the economy. (Itim)

Hostels to be established for former mental patients

JUDY SIEGEL

THE average psychiatric patient is hospitalized for 50 days, and two out of five are institutionalized only once in the course of their lives.

Health Minister Ephraim Sneh disclosed these statistics during a tour of the Geha Psychiatric Hospital in Petah Tikva, which marked World Mental Health Day.

At any one time, 7,000 patients are being treated as inpatients in psychiatric hospitals. There are 1.3 beds for every 1,000 residents today, compared with 2.4 beds per 1,000 in the early 1980s. This decline, said Sneh, is due to improved medications and other treatments that allow patients to return home more quickly.

During the coming year, the ministry will establish 12 hostels for former psychiatric patients in cooperation with ENOSH, the Israel Mental Health Association. These facilities will add 180 beds for those patients who are regarded as cured but are unable to leave institutions because they have nowhere to go.

Also yesterday, the Health Ministry said that the number of mental patients being committed to institutions against their will should decrease significantly, thanks to a new policy that will separate the office of the district psychiatrist from the functioning of psychiatric institutions.

The Health Ministry said this change is part of the new Mental Health Law, whose implementation began this year. Under this law, a number of procedures must be followed before a person can be committed to a mental institution against his or her will.

Patients may also now be required to undergo forms of outpatient treatment in a community clinic.

KNESSET BRIEFS

New head for Labor and Social Committee

Yossi Katz (Labor) was yesterday elected the new chairman of the Labor and Social Affairs Committee, replacing Amir Peretz (Labor). Peretz, who was part of Haim Ramon's list in the Histadrut, is now busy with his new job as head of the labor federation's trade union section. Katz received 19 votes in the election, held among members of the Labor Knesset faction only; Dalia Itzik received 15 votes and Rafi Elul received eight. All three of the candidates are first-term MKs.

Guidelines wanted on MK visits to prisoners

The attorney-general should draw up clear guidelines on when the police have the right to forbid an MK to visit a prisoner, the House Committee decided yesterday. While current guidelines recommend a balance between the MK's rights and the needs of the investigation, they do not clearly state where that balance should be struck.

Bill would make day care tax deductible

Day care costs would be a tax-deductible expense for working women, according to a private member's bill submitted by Economics Committee chairman Gideon Patt (Likud). Patt said that currently, day care is so expensive that many women find it is not worthwhile to work outside the home.

Staff cuts at airport cause long lines

Long passport control lines at Ben-Gurion Airport are caused by the fact that the staff has been cut 30% over the past few years, while passenger traffic has doubled, Airports Authority director-general Motti Debi told the State Control Committee yesterday. The committee is holding another meeting on the subject tomorrow.

Evelyn Gordon

Witness, Deri's lawyer clash in court

FORMER Agriculture Minister Arye Nehamkin and lawyer Dan Avi-Yitzhak, representing Aryeh Deri, clashed in Jerusalem District Court yesterday over the circumstances under which the non-profit association headed by Deri had received alternative land.

Avi-Yitzhak presented documents in court he said proved that the Housing Ministry had changed its mind concerning how to use the land at Nebi Samwil which had been purchased by the group, deciding it should be a tourist site, with no housing built there. Therefore, the group was entitled to some kind of compensation.

Nehamkin, however, stuck by his version of events, saying the association had been duped by the Arab that sold them the land. He asked Avi-Yitzhak during the cross-examination session: "Why have I been asked the same question five times, so that I should apologize and say I lied? I did not make up the things I am saying, and I did not mislead the prime minister."

Avi-Yitzhak claimed that the fact that registration of 180 dunams of the land had begun proved that there had been no problem in buying the land, and that it was not, as Nehamkin had claimed, sold without proper deeds or with forged papers.

Judge Miriam Naor told both Nehamkin and Avi-Yitzhak that they had passed the stage of proving who was more stubborn, and asked that they stick to the matter at hand.

Avi-Yitzhak complied, and stopped asking Nehamkin about those specific documents, but then turned to other documents and continued pressing the witness about why the alternate land had been granted to the group.

The cross-examination will continue tomorrow. (Itim)

Secretary: Dinitz suggested repaying in installments

JEWISH Agency Chairman Simcha Dinitz's secretary, Marlene Moseck, continued her testimony in yesterday's session of his trial on fraud charges in Jerusalem District Court.

In his cross-examination of Moseck, defense attorney Uri Wagman focused on who suggested that Dinitz repay the money he owed the agency in installments. She replied that the suggestion came from Dinitz himself.

She also said that until the matter of the money Dinitz owed the agency came up, is was accepted practice for emissaries to request a complete advance on expenses before going abroad.

She said that Nadav Shukrun, who was in charge of reimbursing trip expenses, came to her and offered to show her how to fill out the forms to request reimbursement for expenses. He also suggested that Dinitz request only partial payment in advance, and that the difference between the partial payment and his actual expenses be used to reduce his debt to the agency.

She said she took this suggestion to Dinitz and he agreed.

She also said that after Shukrun raised the issue of Dinitz's use of agency credit cards for personal expenses, Dinitz requested the New York office to provide him with expense authorizations. He did this, she said, to insure that all his personal expenses be repaid from his personal account. (Itim)

Cocaine courier gets 6½ years

RAINE MARCUS

A COURIER who smuggled eight kilograms of liquified cocaine from Colombia inside bottles of coffee liqueur was imprisoned for six-and-a-half years by the Tel Aviv District Court yesterday.

Mordechai Spiegel was caught by Tel Aviv narcotics squad detectives at Ben-Gurion Airport with six bottles of Colombian liqueur and a bottle of port containing the drugs.

He cooperated fully with police, leading them to the homes of gang members.

He told police that although he had smuggled drugs on previous occasions of his own volition, this time gang members had blackmailed him, and threatened him with a $12,000 "fine" if he refused to smuggle additional drugs.

Spiegel agreed to testify against his colleagues in return for a lighter sentence.

This was the first time police here had confiscated liquefied cocaine. The gang had planned to convert it to powdered cocaine through a relatively simple process.

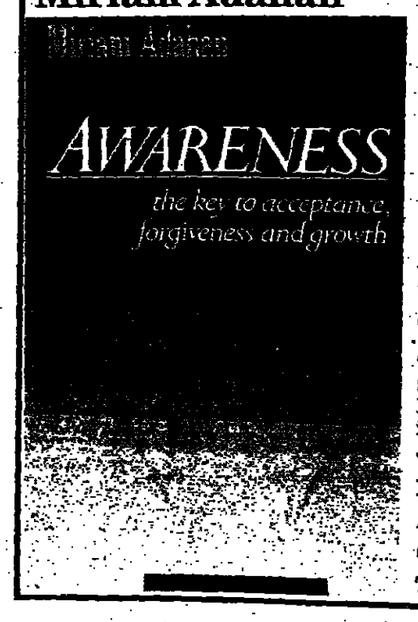
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